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Aston Villa defenders Gordon Smith (centre) and Leighton Phillips combine to beat Q.P.R. ace Stan Bowles.

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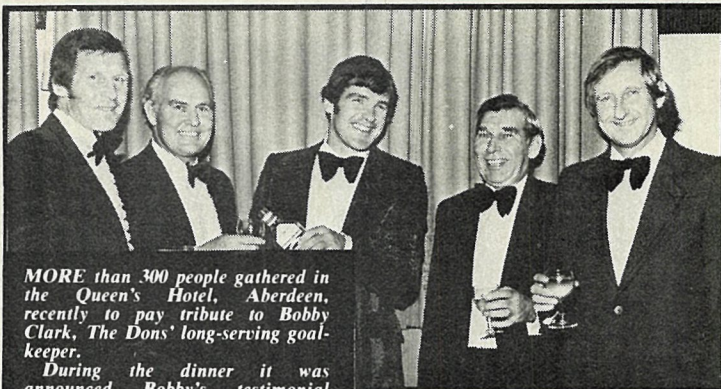
Wolves AREN'T searching for 'keepers

IN November 26th NEWS DESK I published an item received from a usually reliable source, under the heading "Wolves Searching For 'Keepers". Unfortunately, the writer omitted to mention the coaching course was for just one evening a week during September and October and was available

to LOCAL BOYS ONLY!

Since the article appeared Wolves have received many hundreds of letters from readers all over the country. I apologise to the club and to all those budding goalies who wrote to them requesting a trial.

No more letters, please!



MORE than 300 people gathered in the Queen's Hotel, Aberdeen, recently to pay tribute to Bobby Clark, The Dons' long-serving goalkeeper.

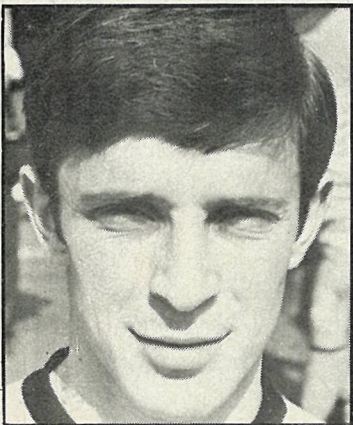
During the dinner it was announced Bobby's testimonial match will take place at Pittodrie on February 7th, 1978. His former club-mate Martin Buchan has agreed to skipper the opposing team which will include a number of international stars.

Here Bobby shares a dram with the four managers he has played under during his Aberdeen career: from left, present boss Billy McNeill, Jimmy Bonithrone (now a car salesman at Kirkcaldy), Eddie Turnbull (now at Hibs), and Scotland's team-manager Ally MacLeod.

MIDDLESBROUGH, battling to solve their problems of improving their performances in the First Division, have spread their net world wide — as far away as Australia — to bring fresh talent to the club.

They invited Socceroo striker John Kosmina and goalkeeper Martyn Crook of the West Adelaide club to travel to England for trials lasting six weeks.

Crook accepted rapidly but Kosmina delayed leaving for Teesside. Both should give Boro greater strength in depth.



GERRY TAYLOR (above) has exchanged the roar of the soccer crowd for the roar of the sea.

Taylor, the former Wolves' defender, who joined the Staffordshire police after quitting the club, is now on the catering staff of an oil rig some 100 miles out in the North Sea.

He decided to quit the police and take up the new job following talks with his two brothers who are already in the catering business.

Taylor, married with two children, said: "It is a grand life and the money is good."

PETER WITHE, now scoring regularly for regenerated Nottingham Forest is the keenest player on training that former Northern Ireland star Derek Dougan has seen.

"When I saw Peter with Arcadia Shepherds in South Africa, I was very impressed with his attitude to the game," said The Doog. "He was always first on and last off for training."

● Scotland-daft pop star Rod Stewart has almost worn out a video-tape recording of the Scotland-Wales World Cup qualifying match at Anfield which was specially made for him and flown out to America.

● How unlucky can you get? After hearing several glowing reports about the form of giant Everton goalkeeper George Wood, Scotland manager Ally MacLeod went to see for himself.

Unfortunately, on the day he picked, George let in four goals in that extraordinary 4-4 draw with Newcastle.

"Just my darned luck," reflected George ruefully.

Old Partners

● One of the most famous partnerships of the Sixties was renewed with the recent appointment of Bobby Collins as manager of Hull City.

Now 46, Collins was the mainspring of Leeds United's rise from a lowly Second Division side, to one of the major forces in Europe, along with his great midfield partner Billy Bremner, now skippering Hull.

These two talented Scotsmen forged a link that was later carried on by Bremner and Johnny Giles, and now they will be hoping to be successful a second time around at Boothferry Park.

Collins, who played in the Football League when he was turned 40 with Oldham Athletic, has had only one other managerial job in England, and that was with Huddersfield Town where he found the tide that was sweeping the club down to the Fourth Division, too strong to stem.

He joined The Tigers last year to work as coach under John Kaye, and now has the chance to establish himself with a club whose potential has never really been fulfilled.

Although Billy Bremner was disappointed not to get the manager's post himself he is keen to work with Collins and said immediately: "I'm sure Bobby will do a good job."

WHILE Football League managers continue to come and go with alarming regularity, it is worth noting former Peterborough record goalscorer Terry Bly has just completed 13 years in charge of non-League Grantham.

'I'VE BEEN BRANDED'

says BRUCE RIOCH

SCOTLAND skipper Bruce Rioch, now back at Derby after 11 months as an Everton player, claims referees are forcing him to change his style of play.

"I'm afraid I've become a marked man," admitted Rioch. "My reputation has been affected by the campaign in the media this season which branded me a dirty player."

"It's having an effect on situations on the park. In a recent match at Newcastle I hadn't even made a tackle in the first ten minutes when the referee came up to me and said: 'Watch your tackling or you're off!'"

"Then, when I played my first game back at Derby against Ever-

ton, one of my old Everton teammates took a dive and the referee warned me: 'Any more of that and you're off!'"

"I suppose I'll just have to accept," said Rioch, "some players will now be taking dives and trying to get me bookings."

Rioch went on: "When people say I've been a dirty player I must accept it, because the media give an honest opinion of what they see. I can't afford to go out on Saturdays and have people brand me a dirty player, so I'll just have to change my style of play."

Will the change reduce Rioch's effectiveness in midfield? "That's for other people to judge."



COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

WHEN Oxford United heard they were drawn away to face Nuneaton Borough in the First Round of the F.A. Cup they were relieved. In the last 13 years they have played 14 home ties and won only one of them. That was a 3-0 success against Burnley in 1970-71. In the other matches they lost seven times and drew six. They weren't happy for long, though. The Non-Leagueurs beat them 2-0.

Pat sets new Irish Record!

ARSENAL skipper Pat Rice's appearance in Northern Ireland's 3-0 World Cup win v. Belgium, at Windsor Park on November 16th, means the 28-year-old Gunner is now his country's most-capped full-back.

Belfast-born Pat won the first of his record-shattering 41 full caps in a 3-2 friendly triumph over Israel, in Jaffa, on September 10, 1968, and made his World Cup debut exactly a year later in a scoreless Windsor Park draw v. Russia.

Also a former Under-23 cap, Rice's nearest current challenger is none other than his Highbury and Ireland full-back partner Sammy Nelson, who made his 31st full appearance in the game v. Belgium.

And Arsenal's other Pat, 'keeper Jennings, holds a record 71 Ireland caps and is just two short of Gordon Banks' 73-cap all-time record for a British goalkeeper. What's more, the Newry-born superstar has appeared on 24 winning Irish teams — yet another record!





GOOD NEWS for Bristol City fans is that much-missed striker Paul Cheesley is hoping to play again soon.

Out of action since being injured on August 24th, 1976, v Stoke City at Ashton Gate, Cheesley insists: "I know I'll be playing football again — that is definite."

Paul added: "The plaster on my knee has been removed and everything is on schedule. I am quietly confident."

THE way things are going so far this season it's unlikely that Arsenal, Hull City and Walsall will be changing Divisions at the end of it. And that means they will remain the longest-serving inhabitants of their respective Divisions.

Arsenal have been in the First Division for 58 years, Hull in the Second since 1966-67, and Walsall in the Third since 1963-64.

Newport in the Fourth since 1962-63, could well lose their longest-serving tag.

DENIS CLARKE, released by Manchester United last season, recently joined Finn Harps.

A MORRIS MILESTONE

MANSFIELD player-manager Peter Morris chalked up his 600th League game when he ran out against Luton last month (November 12th) — a target that seemed out of his reach at the beginning of the season.

He played the first of those 600 against Workington — now out of the Football League — at the age of 17 in 1960 with Mansfield winning 3-1. Peter played another dozen League games that campaign.

A few years later in the 1967-68 season he was transferred to Ipswich and it was with the Suffolk side he played his most memorable game — against the famous Real Madrid.

And it was also with Ipswich he played the most memorable of those 600. "It was my first

visit to Old Trafford after Ipswich won promotion... that really sticks in my memory," he said. That game ended in a goalless draw but was far from dull.

How long will this youngster of 34 who was born only a few miles from Field Mill at West Houghton keep on playing?

"I did not intend to play this season," he said, "but I feel fit after turning out for the past few games or so."

The guess is as long as Mansfield need the player Ipswich manager Bobby Robson described as "having a radar left foot".

Incidentally, Peter's 600th had a happy ending, with Mansfield beating Luton Town 3-1.

"A great way to celebrate a soccer milestone," he said.



NEW RANGER

PAUL MCGEE (above), one of the stars of Sligo Rovers' League of Ireland-winning side last season, has been transferred to Queens Park Rangers.

He could well turn out to be the bargain of the season, for the clubs agreed a fee of £15,000 with a further £5,000 if he is capped and another £5,000 after a number of first team appearances.

McGee, 23, is a former youth international and plays as a striker on the right side. Last season he scored 13 goals in 26 games and he had four to his credit in nine games this season.

Johnny Giles called him up to the Republic of Ireland squad in October after he had impressed playing — and scoring — for the League of Ireland XI in a World Cup warm-up.

● A broken arm and nose, cartilage operation (number one), double fracture of left leg, operation of left leg, second double fracture of left leg, slipped disc, cartilage operation (number two), two additional operations on right knee, two broken toes, a broken left hand, fifth operation on right knee and a final operation on right knee.

No, it is not a casualty list at a local hospital. It is, in fact, the terrible injuries former Chelsea star Ian Hutchinson suffered before finally quitting League football.

Hutchinson, alongside many others who have had to quit soccer, talks through his ordeal in a very interesting book published recently by journalist Harry Harris and Tottenham physio Mike Varney called "The Treatment of Football Injuries".

The book explains the best methods to avoid injuries and is a must for all soccer enthusiasts.

● Hull City teenager David Stewart's full international baptism against Belgium recently clinched the final part of the £20,000 transfer fee which took him from Bangor to Boothferry Park, in 1975.

The County Down outfit, who also groomed current Ireland striker Gerry Armstrong (Tottenham) for stardom, picked up a cool £5,000 when 19-year-old Stewart made his full debut.

FORMER Danish international goalkeeper Erik Sorensen, a one time Rangers and Morton star, may be out of Scottish soccer, but his influence can still be seen on the Premier Division front.

He is coach to Clydebank 'keepers Jim Gallacher and Colin King and Bankies' boss Bill Munro says: "Erik is passing on some very valuable information to our 'keepers. He is developing their technique and the improvement so far has been incredible."



ROUGH'S REWARD

OCTOBER was quite a memorable month for goalkeeper Alan Rough. Apart from a superb performance for Scotland against Wales in the crucial World Cup-tie at Anfield, Alan helped his club Partick Thistle go through the month undefeated.

Alan, still a part-time professional,

was rewarded for his displays with Mackinlay's Scotch Whisky "Football Personality of the Month" award.

Here Alan is pictured with Mackinlay's West of Scotland representative Ian Conway and his club manager Bertie Auld.

PAUL BRUSH, the 19-year-old West Ham left-back who has already distinguished himself at League level this season, is an old hand on the Upton Park scene. He started watching West Ham when only nine... and was always one of Bobby Moore's greatest fans.

IT SEEMS likely that England stars Kevin Keegan and Mike Channon will be going to Argentina next summer. If all goes according to plan they will work for a travel agency as group leaders to World Cup fans, a fair proportion of whom will no doubt be Scots.

TOM JOHNSTON has always enjoyed the reputation of being one of the shrewdest managers in the business when it comes to assessing a player's ability.

Now the Huddersfield Town boss believes he's pulled off another coup by signing midfield player Ian Holmes for the second time.

When he was in charge at York a few seasons back, Johnston gambled on Holmes as a free transfer recruit from Sheffield United.

Within months Holmes was scoring freely from midfield and attracting several of the bigger clubs to Bootham Crescent.

Earlier this year Johnston was frightened off when York quoted him £20,000 for Holmes, but he bided his time, and got his man at half-price after York had signed Kevin Randall, from Mansfield.

Holmes immediately repaid Johnston's faith by scoring on his debut for Huddersfield, but Town were still beaten 3-1 by Grimsby.

GLENTORAN ace Warren Feeney is back on the goal standard again, and with a vengeance!

The 27-year-old Northern Ireland cap hit all four goals in Glens' 4-2 home win over Larne, on November 19, pushing himself to the top of the Ulster scoring charts with 13 goals, two more than Portadown striker Gary Blackledge.

Tutt's coaching aims

● Former Charlton goalkeeper Graham Tutt, forced to quit League football because of an eye injury last year, is playing again for Kent League side Faversham prior to joining South African side Arcadia Shepherds in January.

Tutt, 21, once told he would never play again after sustaining the eye injury in an accidental clash with Tom Finney (then Sunderland), says: "I have a little trouble with double vision in the eye, but I reckon I could still play Third Division football without many problems."

"An eye specialist has told me he believes the eye could be 100 per cent again by the time I am 35. My long-term aim is to become a coach."

LOW-SCORING SCOTS

● The Scottish Premier Division hit a new low recently. In the five games on Saturday (November 12th) only four goals were scored! The highest-scoring game of the day was at Parkhead where Celtic and Rangers drew 1-1. Partick Thistle beat Clydebank 1-0 and St. Mirren had a similar victory over Motherwell. Aberdeen and Ayr United drew 0-0 with another goalless draw at Easter Road where Hibs met Dundee United. Hardly the sort of stuff to bring the fans out on a cold winter's afternoon!

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HERE'S your chance to win a Manchester United official book for 1978. All you have to do is answer the questions about the Old Trafford club. Then, complete the coupon with your own name, age and address and post it in a sealed envelope to: SHOOT, MANCHESTER UNITED BOOK COMPETITION, 55, Ewer Street, London SE9 6YP. Entries must arrive not later than Friday, 6th January, 1978. The senders of the first 100 correct entries opened after the closing date will each receive a book. The winners will be notified and the result published in the earliest possible issue of SHOOT. The competition is open to all readers living in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and Eire, except employees of IPC Magazines Ltd. and the printers of SHOOT. The Editor's decision is final.

1... Manchester United have had five managers since the last War. Sir Matt Busby, Wilf McGuinness, Tommy Docherty and Dave Sexton are four... can you name the other one?

2... You should all know United won the F.A. Cup in May, 1977. Did Stuart Pearson or Jimmy Greenhoff score the winning goal against Liverpool?

3... SHOOT columnist Gordon Hill was signed by Manchester United from Millwall in November, 1974, 1975 or 1976 for around £80,000?



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The fall and rise of Paddy Mulligan

BUT it wasn't always a happy story for the cheerful Irishman who's brought spirit and authority to the West Bromwich Albion side.

Mulligan has done it the hard way, earning his success by coming from the depths of Third Division football to establish himself in the First — for the second time in his career.

It's hard to do that once — almost impossible twice. But Mulligan did it and at 32-years-of-age, believes he's playing probably better now than ever before.

The Mulligan story goes back to his days with London clubs Chelsea and Crystal Palace. He joined Chelsea in 1969 and spent three years at Stamford Bridge.

To say his sudden departure from Chelsea was a surprise is a complete understatement. One of Mulligan's team-mates at the time was heard to remark upon hearing of his move to Palace — "You've got to be joking? They can't have got rid of him. He's one of our best players."

But got rid of him they had. And Mulligan arrived at Selhurst Park in the days of Bert Head's managership. Those were fine days with much optimism within the club.

But soon, Head was sacked and

Malcolm Allison arrived. Mulligan admits: "Nothing went right for me from then on. I didn't see eye to eye with Malcolm and, anyway, Palace started to slide."

"We dropped from the First Division into the Third in two seasons — it was unbelievable. It was a shattering experience and I got really down in the dumps there."

"After about 20 games in Division Three, I was all set to pack the game up — I was fed up with things. But that was in August or September and suddenly, a month later, Johnny Giles stepped in for me and offered me the chance to pick up my career with then Second Division Albion."

"I didn't hesitate because I'd always thought I could hold my own again in the highest company."

In the mind

"John gave me that chance and I seized it. I must admit, I've never been happier in my career than I am at present."

Mulligan believes at 32, age makes no difference to him. "It's all in the mind, this thing about age," he says. "I hope to go on playing First Division football for another four seasons yet. I want to go out at the top."

"I reckon I'm fitter now than I was when I was 20 and it's a pure joy to be playing. I'm enjoying it all, every minute of it, and that's half the secret. If you really enjoy it, you'll do well."

Mulligan believes Albion have done so well since they came back to the First Division because they had the right blend. "People seemed to forget there were a lot of experienced players in our side when we won promotion. Teams like Carlisle, Luton and Sunderland were all very young teams and that's why they struggled."

"But we had players like Tony Brown, John Wile, John Osborne, myself, Willie Johnston. That's why we stayed up and did well."

"We finished seventh last term without really knowing what to expect in First Division football. Now, we feel we can win a trophy if we get that little extra luck every successful side needs. We've got everything geared for success here and I don't see why we shouldn't start clinching some trophies in the next few years."

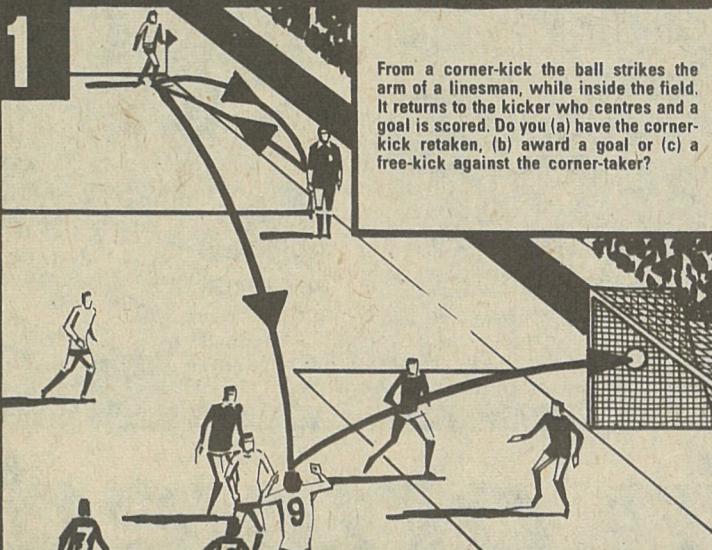
"Giles laid the groundwork and Ronnie Allen has carried on where he left off. Giles taught us good habits and they've stuck with everyone. Now we'd like to win something as a 'thank-you' to John."

"Albion owe a lot to him — and so do I. He gave that one chance to me when I thought I was finished. I've never looked back since."



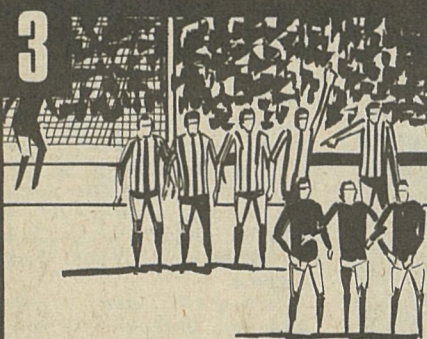
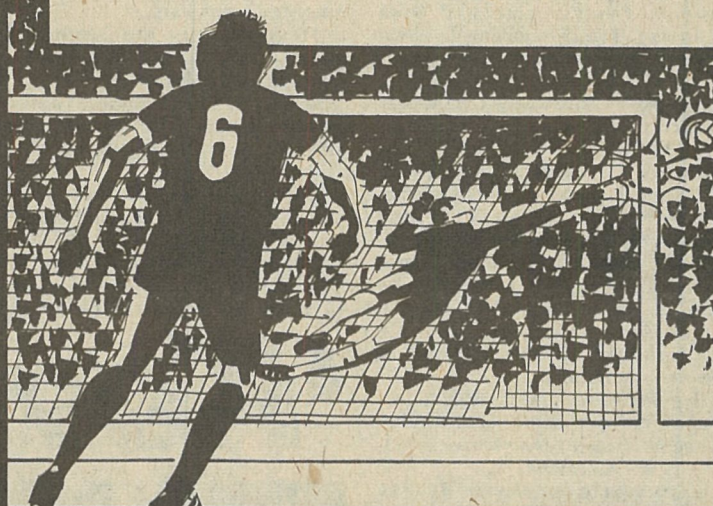
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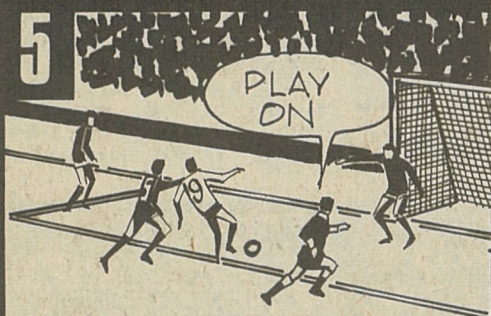
From a corner-kick the ball strikes the arm of a linesman, while inside the field. It returns to the kicker who centres and a goal is scored. Do you (a) have the corner-kick retaken, (b) award a goal or (c) a free-kick against the corner-taker?

2 When a penalty is taken the ball bursts, as it strikes a post, and crosses the goal-line outside the posts. Do you (a) drop a replacement ball, (b) have the penalty-kick retaken or (c) award a goal-kick?

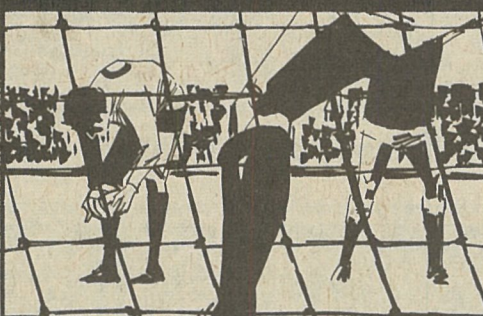


Three attackers form a wall in front of a defensive wall in order to obstruct the view of a free-kick. Do you (a) take no action, (b) order the attackers away or (c) award a free-kick when the ball is in play?

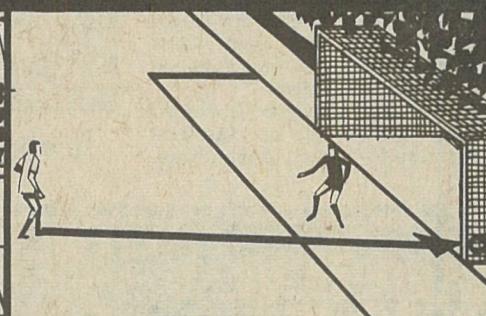
4 During the opening minutes of the first-half a player asks your permission to leave the field in order to make an urgent telephone call. Do you (a) agree, (b) tell him to wait until half-time or (c) until the end of the match?



A: An attacker is pushed when inside the penalty-area and in a good position to score. You apply the advantage and shout "play on".



B: The attacker does not hear and decides he would prefer a penalty-kick. He stops and places the ball on the penalty-spot.



C: When the penalty-kick is taken the goalkeeper moves forward from his goal-line after you have signalled and before the ball is kicked into the goal. You award a goal. (Where is the problem?).

ANSWERS:

1. The corner-taker has played the ball twice before another player has touched it. A free-kick (c) must be awarded. 2. Drop a replacement ball. 3. Take no action (a). 4. The request is not unreasonable and should be granted (a). 5. The problem is in B. You have not signalled to stop play. A free-kick should be awarded against the attacker for handling the ball. In A this is a correct application of the advantage clause of Law 5. In C the action of the goalkeeper is ignored because the ball entered the goal from the penalty-kick.

AFTER England's morale-boosting win over Italy at Wembley, my fan mail increased — and not surprisingly, I suppose, because he was a former team-mate at Liverpool, many writers referred to Kevin Keegan.

No doubt about it, Kev was the man of the match that restored England's prestige and put us on the road back to becoming a great, respected team again.

Reader John Marston of Bristol tells me how much he enjoyed watching it on TV and ends with: "One newspaper reporter said he believed Kevin's game had been improved through playing in West Germany's Bundesliga with Hamburger SV. Do you agree Kevin is a better player now than when he was with Liverpool?"

I think Kevin's outstanding performance — certainly his best-ever for England — was mainly due to his determination to prove wrong those who criticised his selection.

He couldn't have been more motivated to recapture the form he showed for Liverpool when he played such an important part in our European Cup win in Rome in the early summer.

The Wembley game was tailor-made for him, as the Italians employ the same man-for-man marking system as the Germans.

It's foreign to our players. But Kev has become accustomed to it in the Bundesliga with his new club.

He gave Borussia's Berti Vogts the run-around in Rome, and Zaccarelli, the Italian who tried to shackle him in the first-half at Wembley, and the other Italian detailed to do the job in the second-half, found him as elusive as a slippery eel.

Some people have tried to belittle our win by saying the Italians came prepared to lose by only a few goals. That certainly wasn't their policy in the first 20 minutes, when they tried to match us in attacks.

It was only after Kev had got that early goal, looking as though he'd climbed up invisible steps to head home superbly a cross from Trevor Brooking, that the blue shirts decided to put the emphasis on keeping the goals down.

Until then they were striving to live up to their title of "The best Italian side for years". A win, espe-

cially over England at Wembley, would have sent them to Argentina with an enhanced reputation, made them a more feared side.

I know they still had one more qualifying game to play, but a 3-0 win over Luxembourg in Rome was a formality. Everyone in the England camp had abandoned all hope of playing in the World Cup Finals.

The Wembley win has given us great hope for the future, though, convinced us we can improve and go on to big things.

It was a marvellous feeling to walk off Wembley with cheers, not boos, ringing in our ears.

To continue on the international theme, here's a question from Ian Lavington, of Melton Mowbray: "If you weren't eligible for England, which other international team would you prefer to play for, given the chance?"

West Germany or Holland, two teams I regard as being the best I've ever played against. Both are made up of players who are superb technically and blessed with the ability to finish off moves in devastating

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer



Keegan (third from left, partly hidden) scores England's first goal against Italy. Stan Bowles (below, number 10) slots home Q.P.R.'s second goal v. Liverpool at Loftus Road this term.

'Kevin proved



'Liverpool's worst performance of the season'

fashion.

Finishing is something we need to improve on at home, and the Germans and Dutch can certainly give us lessons in this respect.

Now for some questions on my speciality, goalkeeping.

"Who has made the best-ever save against Liverpool?" asks Catherine Jenkins, who hails from Willoughby, near my home town of Skegness.

There have been so many, Catherine, especially at Anfield, where our fans always give them an inspiring welcome. There are times when I wish the Kopites made visiting number ones very *unwelcome!*

I suppose the save at the opposite end that most registers in my mind is one made by Gordon Banks, my England predecessor, for Stoke in a League match several years ago.

One of our lads crossed the ball to the far post and Gordon, stationed at the near one, followed it across. Only for John Toshack, I

Let in 36 goals on debut!

I know the record score in a first-class game in Britain is when Arbroath beat Bon Accord 36-0 in a Scottish Cup-tie in September, 1885, but I'd love to know the name of the goalkeeper!

PAT HENRY, EIRE.

● Well, I don't imagine he's still around to have his feelings hurt, Pat — so I'll tell you it was Andrew Lornie.

Normally a wing-half, he was only called on at the last moment when the regular 'keeper went sick, and the poor lad had never played in goal before.

And — surprise, surprise — he never did so again!

In fact, he was so haunted by

memories of his nightmare afternoon, he retired altogether soon after.

Twin strikers

Who's scored the most League goals for Derby?

ADRIAN HODGKINSON, DERBY.

● In a single season, Adrian, it's 37 — a record shared by Jack Bowers (Div One, 1930-31), and Ray Straw (Div. Three North, 1956-57).

When it comes to aggregate goals, the Derby club-record is still held by old-timer Steve Bloomer.

He scored a total of 291 in two separate spells between 1892 and 1906, and again from 1910 to 1914.

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Long-serving Ted

How long did the great Ted Sagar keep goal for Everton?

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, LIVERPOOL

● A mighty long time, William! Sagar joined Everton as a youngster on 26th March, 1929 — and was still on their books when he retired in May, 1953.

This represents over 24 years' loyal one-club service.

Sagar's 465 League appearances — which could have been well over 700 but for the War — is still an Everton club-record.

In 1936, he also gained four England caps.

'Kevin Keegan — man of the match'



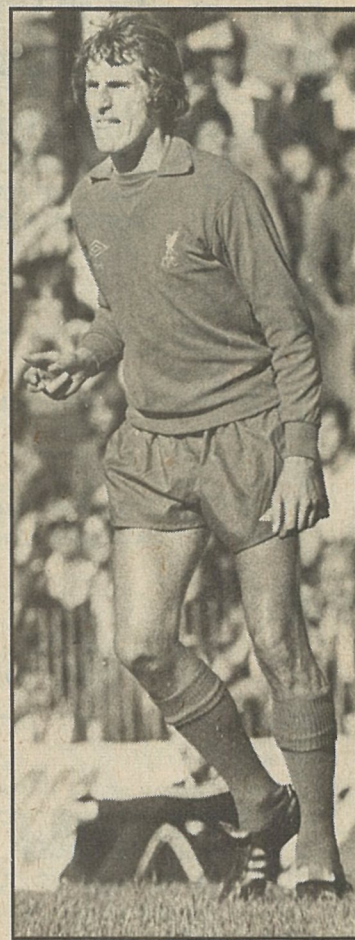
performing in goal during training, I can only compile a short list of candidates for my jersey.

Top is Phil Neal, who I believe has filled in at his previous club, Northampton Town. Second, Emlyn Hughes. And third — this will probably surprise you — Ray Kennedy. "Razor", as we call him, certainly lives up to that nickname when he gets between the sticks.

Finally, a letter from Jim Rioch of Rathgar, Dublin. "Although I'm a strong Leeds supporter, you're my favourite 'keeper, and I'd like some goalkeeping tips. Also, I'd like to know where you think the Elland Road team will be positioned in the League at the end of the season."

Well, sorry to disappoint you, Jim, but I've already given a lot of guidance on my job in previous columns — but if you're really keen, why not look out for a copy of my book "Clemence on Goalkeeping"?

The way Leeds are stringing good results together indicates they are almost certain to finish in the top six and probably earn a passport into next season's U.E.F.A. Cup competi-



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believe, to head it back to where he'd been.

It looked a goal all the way. But somehow Gordon about-turned in the blink of an eye, reached out and flicked the ball over the bar. Magic!

It was comparable to his save against the great Pele in Mexico.

"Which Anfield goal do you prefer to play in?" asks Adrian Stewart of New Cross, London.

The Kop end, of course, Adrian, not only because there are more fans behind me — all of them rooting for us Reds — but also for the reason I have had several long periods there without letting a goal in.

For the first nine or ten games this season — in the League and Cups — I kept a clean sheet.

Of course, there's always someone with a sadistic streak who likes to remind me of experiences I'd rather forget. Such as David Stevenson of Southport, who wants to know if I've ever had a hat-trick

scored against me.

Twice, David. The first in my early days as a Scunthorpe United regular, when the Grimsby centre-forward, Rodney Green, scored three times in a shattering 7-1 defeat.

The second to hit me for three was Supremac, Malcolm Macdonald, on his home debut for Newcastle United. We lost by his hat-trick to two!

"If, during a League match, you become injured and unable to continue, and the Liverpool substitute is already playing, who would take over from you in goal?" So writes Alyson Walters of Stapleford, Nottingham.

A very good question, Alyson. Unfortunately, as difficult to answer as to stop a Jimmy Case shot.

It's something we've never discussed, I'm afraid. I've had such a good run without ever suffering a serious injury during a game.

Having seen some of the lads

it by doing so. It'll be good to see them back competing against Continental sides again.

This Saturday, December 17th, we look forward to the visit to Anfield of Queens Park Rangers, in order to avenge that 2-0 defeat at Loftus Road in November.

It was our worst performance so far in a season where we've struggled to find that old Red magic fans know so well.

Within 45 seconds we were a goal down. The ball came over from a corner, I failed to advance off my line and punch it clear, and there was Leighton James, unmarked, with all the time in the world to fire in a shot and get his first goal for Rangers since arriving from Derby County.

By half-time we were two goals down, and after an interval pep talk from our manager Bob Paisley, we came out and attacked non-stop.

But they defended doggedly, their stand-in 'keeper, Derek

Richardson, pulling off great saves, and our efforts went unrewarded.

Rangers aren't the slick-moving, Continental-style side of two years ago, when they pushed us for the Championship, but what they lacked in class they more than made up for in sheer fighting spirit.

On Saturday we must match them in determination and bring out our superior skills in order to reverse that previous scoreline.

It's full steam ahead for the Red Express from now on.

Meet me same place, next week.

Ray Clemence

Rovers return

I'd like to know how long my local club, Doncaster Rovers, were in the Second Division?

A. SOULSBY,
DONCASTER

● All told, they've had five separate spells there — starting with their original election to the League in 1901.

In 1903, Doncaster failed to get re-elected — but came back again in 1904.

Twelve months later, they again failed re-election, and were out of the League until returning (to Div. Three North) in 1923.

After that, Doncaster played in Division Two in 1935-36 and 1936-37; in 1947-48; and then eight seasons starting with 1950-51 and ending with 1957-58.

SHORT PASSES

● Manchester City's Bert Trautmann was the goalkeeper who broke his neck in an F.A. Cup Final (v. Birmingham in 1956).

(STEPHEN ELLIOTT, Oldham)

● England first competed in the World Cup in the 1950 competition in Brazil.

(MAREK BARTOSZEWICZ,
Whitton)

● Duncan Edwards had played in 18 full internationals for England by the time he died, at the age of 21, after the Munich air disaster.

(PAUL ATTWOOD, Carlisle)

● Colin Bell's last England game before his injury was in the 2-1 defeat by Czechoslovakia in Bratislava on 30th October, 1975.

(MARK GINDER, Manchester)

● Bertie Mee was appointed acting manager of Arsenal in June, 1966, confirmed permanently in the post in March, 1967, and quit Highbury in May, 1976.

(STEVEN LEE, Colchester)

Celtic Lou

I'm a very keen Norwegian admirer of Lou Macari, and would like to know how many times he played for Celtic before joining Manchester United?

BRYNJAR HAUKIL,
NORWAY

● Macari joined United, for £200,000, in January, 1973, Brynjar.

With Celtic — where he played more as a striker than a midfielder — he played 51 League games (plus five as sub), scoring 27 times.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

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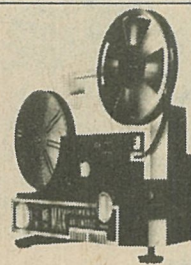
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Goalscoring

8 SHOTS — 7 GOALS!

In December, 1935, Arsenal won 7-1 at Villa Park and the hero of the day was Arsenal centre-forward Ted Drake, one of the toughest centre-forwards of the pre-War era, a player who took all the hardest knocks without complaining and seldom missed a game through injury.

Early in this game at Villa Park Drake suffered a heavy fall and grazed his arm when crashing on to the cinder track surrounding the pitch as he chased a loose ball in his typically exuberant fashion, but that didn't slow him down. Villa's Welsh international centre-half, Tom Griffiths, couldn't stop Drake either and the Arsenal leader scored all seven of his side's goals with just eight shots! Harry Morton in the Villa goal managed to push that eighth shot against the crossbar from where it went over the top.

At the time it was thought this remarkable feat had only equalled the First Division scoring record, but more recently it has been shown Ross never scored seven goals for Preston against Stoke in 1888 and, therefore, Ted has the record.



LEFT... Joe Payne scored ten of Luton's 12 goals against Bristol Rovers. ABOVE... Ted Drake had a remarkable game for Arsenal against Aston Villa.

centre-forwards, Jack Ball and Willie Boyd injured, it was decided to give Joe Payne a chance in this position. Luton were in with a chance of promotion so there was every incentive for them to hammer visitors Bristol Rovers. Payne's incentive was something special, however, for after only three previous League appearances he saw this as another chance to establish himself in a new position. But even he could not have anticipated the impact he made in this game for Luton Town won 12-0 and Joe Payne hit ten of those goals, three in the first-half and seven after the interval. At first it was thought Payne had only equalled Bell's nine-goal record for Tranmere Rovers earlier that season, and it was only after the game the referee confirmed that when Luton inside-right George Martin rushed in to bundle both ball and goalkeeper into the net for his side's seventh goal following up a Joe Payne header, the ball had already crossed the line and so the goal was Payne's.

10-GOAL RECORD

April 13th, 1936, was a cold Easter Monday, but it was a red-letter day in Football League history for Kenilworth Road, Luton, was the scene of the finest individual scoring feat ever performed in this competition. The man who wrote his name into the record books that afternoon was Joe Payne, a red-haired collier from Bolsover, near Derby. Prior to April 13th he had been a struggling wing-half or full-back almost unheard of outside of Luton Town, but with both of the clubs'

Irish international games

ONLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Ireland has only won the British Championship outright once in the long history of this competition and that was in 1913-14. So it is to that season we look for what must have been one of their most sensational victories — over England at Middlesbrough. In 84 games between these two international sides the Irish have only won six and the Irishmen's 3-0 win on February 14th, 1914, was the first of the three achieved on English soil.

It was also Ireland's most decisive victory over England and one which was fully deserved in every way for they were always the better side with Liverpool's Bill Lacey being especially outstanding at inside-left. The England rearguard was a notable trio of Hardy, Crompton and Pennington, but they were outshone by the Irish that afternoon. Bill Lacey and Billy Gillespie gave Ireland a 2-0 interval lead and Lacey added a third goal near the end.

HERO 'KEEPER

Northern Ireland's first win at Wembley was a sensation on November 6th, 1957, for it put a stop to an England run of 16 games without defeat. Harry Gregg (then still with Doncaster) in the Irish goal was one of the heroes of the day, but the visitors were generally better together than England who seemed to be taking things much too easily. The finest forward on the field was Burnley's Jimmy McIlroy and he sent Ireland into the lead with a penalty-kick.

That was the only score before the interval, but in the second-half Alan A'Court equalised before goals by Sammy McCrory

WEMBLEY VICTORY

May 23rd, 1972, was another red-letter day in the history of Northern Ireland football, for it was on that day they gained their second win over England at Wembley, this time with a solitary goal by Terry Neill in the 34th minute. England had their chances but Pat Jennings gave a masterly display of the art of goalkeeping, including two fine saves from Rodney Marsh. Northern Ireland's team this time was Jennings (Spurs); Rice and Nelson (Arsenal); Neill (Hull City), Hunter (Ipswich Town), Clements (Sheffield W.); Hegon (Wolves), McMordie (Middlesbrough), Dougan (Wolves), Irvine (Brighton), Jackson (Nottm. Forest).

WALES HIT FOR SEVEN

One of Ireland's most convincing victories was their 7-0 thrashing of Wales at Belfast, February 1st, 1930. It was in this game the Linfield centre-forward Joe Bambrick established his name in the record books by hitting six goals, including four in succession in the second-half. Burnley's full-back, Andy McCluggage, got the other goal from a free-kick. This is Ireland's record score in the British Championship.



Northern Ireland 'keeper Pat Jennings was in masterly form when England were beaten at Wembley in May, 1972.

TOP-SCORER AT 17



JEREMY CHARLES
(Swansea)

A STRIKER who finds the net 26 times in his first season stakes a claim to recognition. And when only 17, he's giving notice that he has the potential to make his mark in a higher Division than the Fourth. Jeremy's goalscoring began when he came on as substitute against Newport County in a League Cup-tie.

With almost the first kick in his debut he scored.

"The manager Harry Griffiths put me on with about 20 minutes remaining and the

score was 1-1. I could hardly believe it when the ball went into the net.

"To make it a dream debut for me, I scored a second and City's fourth within about two minutes of the game left."

Goal followed goal as the young Jeremy Charles, son of Mel and nephew of John, finished Swansea's top scorer for the 1976-77 season.

"Yes, I was very pleased with my form," says Jeremy. "Particularly as I only signed professional terms in July, 1976."

'FLARE-UP' SIDELINES ENGLAND STAR



KEVIN BEATTIE
(Ipswich Town)

KEVIN Beattie is as thoughtful and constructive a defender as any in English soccer today — with nine full caps to prove it.

But, when it comes to thoughtful gardening, Percy Thrower need fear no tacksles from the Ipswich man — he, like most of his kind, is quick to warn against the dangerous practice of "gingering" a sluggish bonfire with paraffin.

Which is precisely what Beattie did in his back garden last April.

Easter is the gardeners' traditional time for clearing away rubbish — and to his cost, Beattie tried the short-cut.

It was the short-cut to the local hospital, too — where he was rushed for emergency treatment for burns on his face, chest, and hands as the flames unexpectedly shot up.

The injuries kept a sadder-and-wiser gardener out for the rest of the season — not only missing Ipswich's late challenge for the League title, but also the British Championship and England's South American tour.

HAT-TRICK SPARKS RIOT

MIKE FLANAGAN
(Charlton)

BY 5.30 p.m. on the evening of April 11th, 1977 (Easter Monday), part of South London looked like a disaster area.

Why? Because Charlton Athletic had just beaten Second Division leaders Chelsea 4-0 at The Valley.

Incensed by the result, many Chelsea fans went on the rampage, smashing everything in their path... terrorising local inhabitants and innocent supporters of both clubs.

Scorer of three of the goals that led to the sensational riot was striker Mike Flanagan.

"It was Charlton's finest-ever team performance," said Mike. "A pity our win was marred by the shocking behaviour of those so-called fans."

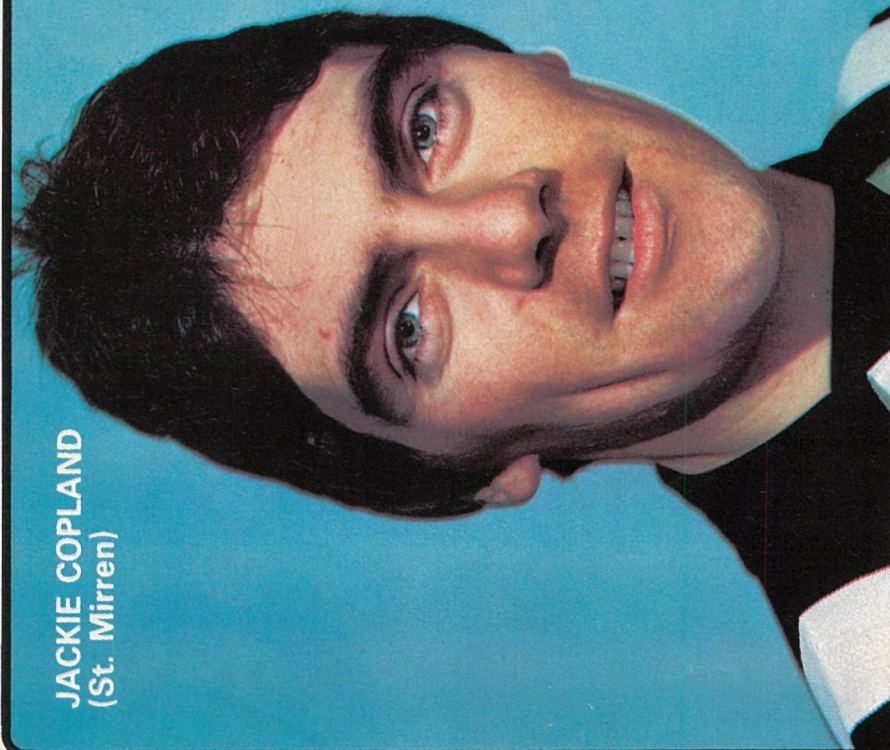
"During the game fights were going on and fires started on the terraces. It was a new, frightening experience for us at The Valley."

"I stayed on with the lads after the match and so was unaware of the damage those hooligans had caused at The Valley and in the streets until I saw it on the TV news. I was stunned by the violence."

Fortunately, those appalling scenes weren't repeated when Mike scored a hat-trick against promotion-chasing Spurs at The Valley this term.



JACKIE COPLAND
(St. Mirren)



'FERGIE'S FURIES' pass big test

ST. MIRREN had been setting the pace in the First Division with a young team being nicknamed 'Fergie's Furies' after manager Alex Ferguson. However, a lot of people reckoned they would fail at their first real test when they were drawn to play against powerful Dundee United in the Scottish Cup Third Round last season.

United went to Love Street with one of the most talented and skilled sides in the Premier Division and they looked well on the way to victory when they opened the scoring. Things went drastically wrong after that as St. Mirren lived up to their nickname. They swept down on Dundee United goalkeeper and skipper Hamish McAlpine almost non-stop and he must have been the most relieved man on the park to hear that final whistle. His side had been thoroughly beaten 4-1.

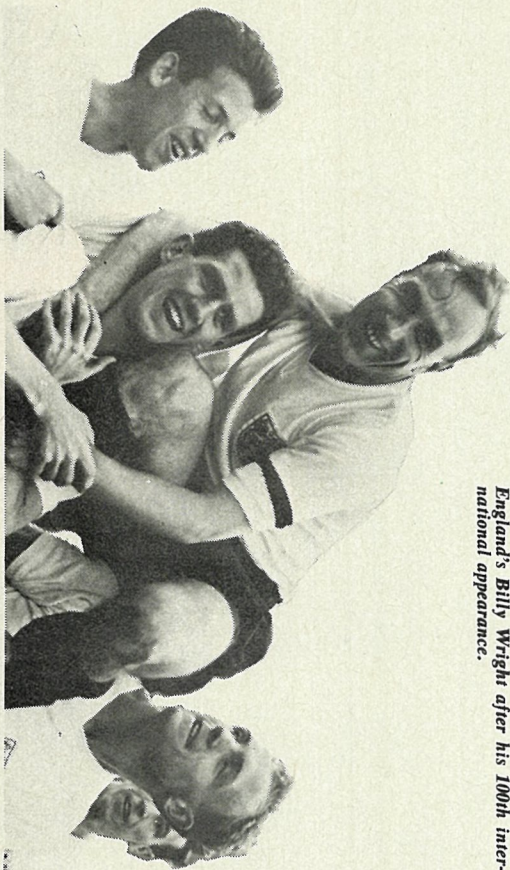
"I hadn't been at Love Street long before that tie," says central-defender Jackie Copland. "I had been in dispute with Dundee United and I heard all sorts of rumours about clubs being interested in me."

"However, nothing happened until St. Mirren came along and I was immediately impressed by the boss, Mr Ferguson. Part of my £17,000 fee was paid by the Supporters' Club so that proved the fans were anxious for success, too."

"That suited me and I really looked forward to meeting my old club in that Scottish Cup-tie. The game was televised and that was a good thing. There was no way anyone could have thought it was a fluke result."

English caps

England's Billy Wright after his 100th international appearance.



100th APPEARANCE

While England's 1-0 victory over Scotland at Wembley on April 11th, 1959, was not in itself a sensational match it was a red-letter day for international football and for the England skipper, Billy Wright, who was carried shoulder high to the dressing-room. In this game the Wolverhampton Wanderers centre-half had become the first player in the world to make his 100th appearance for his country, and it was fitting he should have been on the winning side.

Billy Wright had made his first appearance in a full England international against Ireland in Belfast in September, 1946, and enjoyed a run of 33 consecutive appearances before missing England's game against Wales in 1950. This was followed by a far greater run of 70 consecutive appearances from 1951 until his retirement in 1959 when he had taken his total of England games to 105.

Between 1946 and 1959 this fine player missed only three England games. Among the presentations made to him for his achievement in reaching a century of England appearances was a two-foot high silver candlestick from the West German F.A. and a silver salver from the English Football Association.

CHARLTON'S RECORD

When Billy Wright reached a century of caps in 1959 it was said his record would probably

never be equalled in England, but those who believed it were proved wrong 11 years later. The occasion was another Wembley international, this time against Northern Ireland, April 21st, 1970, when the England centre-forward, Bobby Charlton, made his 100th appearance. Before this game Charlton, who had been made captain for this match, was presented by the Chairman of the F.A. with a silver salver which displayed the flags of the 30 countries plus that of F.I.F.A., whose teams he had met in his century of games.

Bobby was first capped against Scotland in April, 1958, when he got one of England's goals in a 4-0 victory, and took his total to 106 games with his last appearance against West Germany in 1970 when England were knocked out of the World Cup with a 3-2 defeat.

MOORE'S LAST GAME

Bobby Charlton's record of 106 England games was, of course, beaten by Bobby Moore. His 107th appearance was a significant occasion because it was the game which marked the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Italian F.A. The date was June 14th, 1973, and Italy beat England 2-0 in Turin. Bobby, who had begun his international career in a pre-World Cup warm-up game against Peru in Lima in 1962 (England won 4-0), made only one more appearance after that game in Turin — also against Italy, this time at Wembley when England were beaten 1-0, November 14th, 1973.

OWN-GOAL REBOUND

The F.A. Cup Final of 1895 at the Crystal Palace started with a bang when Aston Villa scored what proved to be the only goal of the match only 40 seconds after the start. It took not only the West Bromwich team by surprise but most of the spectators as well. And there were many among the 42,000 crowd who had not realised the game had started before, to all intents and purposes, it was over with the winning goal having been scored.

Villa's speedy winger, Charlie Athernsmith, dashed up the touchline and centred. Bob Chatt hit the ball on the half-volley and the Albion goalkeeper, Joe Reader, managed to kick it away. Unfortunately for him however, his clearance effort struck Villa centre-forward, John Deyey, on the leg and rebounded into the net. The fastest-ever F.A. Cup Final goal had been scored.

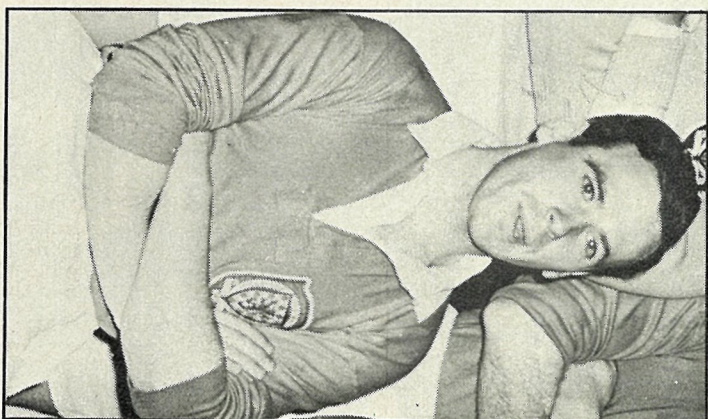
35-YARD HEADER

In a First Division game at Villa Park, on September 1st, 1952, Aston Villa full-back, Peter Aldis, headed a goal from 35 yards range against Sunderland. It was this player's first goal in the Football League and one of the longest headers ever to produce a goal in first-class football.

ASTONISHING EQUALISER

One of the most spectacular goals ever scored was seen at Sunderland in a First Division game against Manchester City, April 14th, 1900. Indeed, as one reporter explained: "It was fortunate the interval followed only a few seconds after this incident for it allowed the spectators time to recover from the shock." The game was played in a high wind which obviously affected the situation. For example, it had taken nearly ten minutes for a penalty-kick to be completed after the referee had twice ordered it to be re-taken because of some infringement, and most of this time was spent in trying to place the ball on the spot without it blowing away. As for the remarkable goal this was scored by the Manchester City custodian, Charlie Williams, from a goal-kick. In those days a full-back tapped the ball into the goalkeeper's hands so he could take a drop kick, and with the wind

Sensational goals



Laurie Reilly scored a last-gasp equaliser for Scotland against England.

behind it this one went bounding on through the Sunderland defence to where their Scottish international goalkeeper ran out to meet it. He got hold of the ball, but it shot upwards through his arms and over his head into the net to provide City with an astonishing equaliser. The fact Sunderland eventually won 3-1 seems a shame after such a great effort by Manchester City.

TEN SECONDS TO GO

Laurie Reilly, that elusive Hibernian and Scottish international centre-forward of the 1940's and 1950's, scored some brilliant goals in his time and was one of his country's most prolific goalgetters in his international career. But none was more heartily cheered by his Scottish supporters than one he got against England at Wembley in 1953. In fact, this magnificent player got two goals that afternoon, but it was his second that brought down the house because it saved Scotland from defeat when there was only ten seconds left for play. The result was a draw 2-2.

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Bury's GERRY KEENAN selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

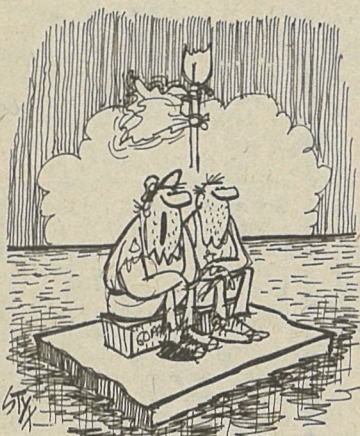
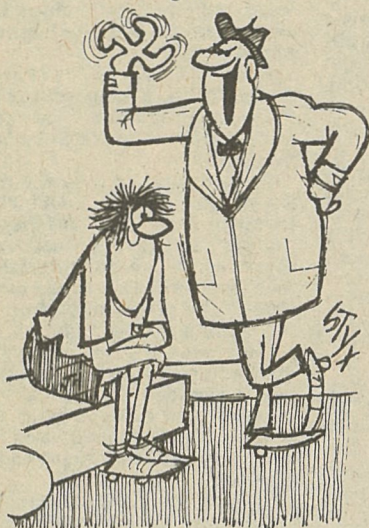


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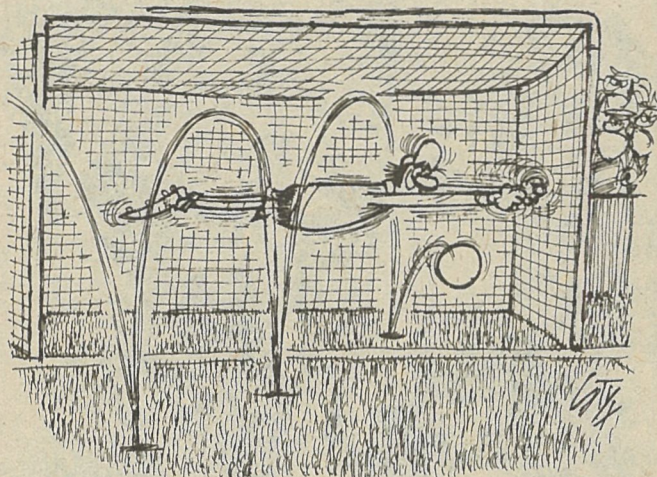


"I don't care if there isn't anything doing your end — you get back in goal"

"I bet you can't wait for Match of the Day — to see how you missed those three open goals"



"Wasn't it touching — the way that Derby supporter shouted 'Up The Rams' as he went down with the ship"



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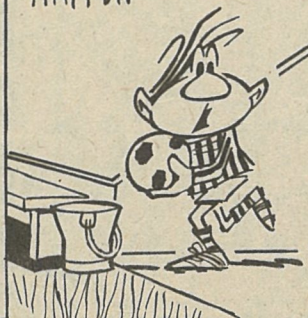
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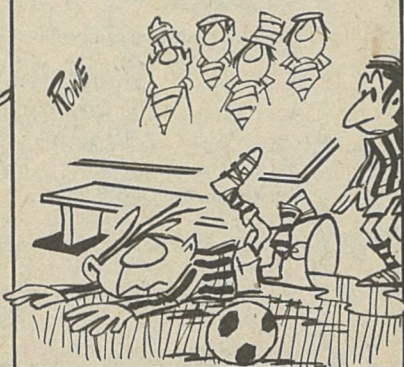
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'ME And My Shadow' was a successful song in its day, but it appears to have taken on a new meaning in soccer these days. Some of Scotland's more flamboyant players are finding it difficult to display their full range of skills because they have been marked out for some special treatment from rival defences.

It's a sign of respect, but it may kill off some of the entertainment for the spectators. However, it is always intriguing to see how good players go about getting rid of their 'shadow', the man who has orders not to leave his side for 90 minutes.



DEREK JOHNSTONE knows what it is like to be a marked man. The big, powerful Rangers striker is rated "better than Joe Jordan" by his Ibrox manager Jock Wallace and other bosses may well agree. Johnstone knows what to expect in each game. He will be heavily guarded, but he accepts this as part and parcel of the game.

St Mirren boss Alex Ferguson says: "Johnstone never fails to amaze me. The amount of goals he scores with his head inside the six yard box is really quite incredible. A defender can't allow him to get out of his sight even for a second. If you do, you are dead. Big Derek is lethal when it comes to finishing."

And Fergie should know! His St Mirren side were beating Rangers 2-1 at one point during a Premier Division match at Love Street this season. Davie Cooper hammered in an equaliser and then came one flash of brilliance from Johnstone which put the Ibrox men ahead.

The ball was floated across from the right wing and for once the Saints defence hesitated. That was all Johnstone, coming in on the blindside, needed. Centre-half Bobby Reid couldn't cut out the threat, goalkeeper Donald Hunter decided to stay on his line and Johnstone leapt in powerfully to snap a header low into the net from six yards.

The Saints tried to curb the threat of Johnstone in their next League match at Ibrox, but again the aerial menace of the international star won out. Bobby Reid and Rangers' Tommy McLean had both been ordered off and Johnstone's 'shadow' had gone. Cooper sent over a right wing corner and there was Johnstone to rise and shine once more with a superb header which put Rangers on the road to a 2-1 victory.

A week later Johnstone hit a hat-trick against Ayr United at Somerset Park and Ayr manager Alex Stuart said: "What can you do when he strikes form like that? I tried to mark him out of the game, but it just didn't work."

"I put Alex McAnespie on him in the first-half and I thought it was going to keep him quiet. Alex is a good, experienced campaigner

who sticks to his job, but just before the interval Johnstone headed one in and that was that.

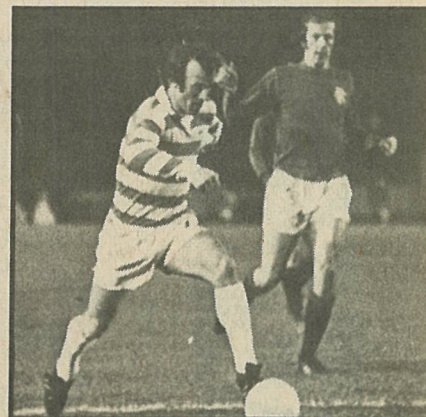
"He is superb in the air... and he is not bad on the deck either. He scored two against us with his head and one with his foot. He can snap them up from just about any angle."

Across Glasgow at Parkhead ALFIE CONN, a former Ibrox teammate of Johnstone, of course, knows what it is like to be heavily marked.

Conn has taken over the mantle which was worn so well by Kenny Dalglish and he relishes the thought, but says: "It can be hard at times. I like to entertain the fans, but some teams just come to defend and prevent you from playing. I think that is a shame."

"However, if I am being tightly marked you can be sure someone else in the team will be making the most of it. We've got good, skilful players at Parkhead and it is impossible to mark them all out of a game."

"Joe Craig is always dangerous in and around the box and he is forming a profitable partnership with Tom McAdam. Johnny Doyle



Celtic's Bobby Lennox leaves his marker during an Old Firm clash against Rangers.



Rangers' Derek Johnstone (left, dark shirt) tries to find some room during a Premier Division game against Clydebank.

"I waited a couple of minutes before I moved away from their sweeper. The Italians looked bewildered by this simple tactic and I ended the game on my own. Unfortunately, though, I didn't score!"

Another striker who must be fed up having a defender practically wearing the same jersey is Motherwell's number one danger-man WILLIE PETTIGREW, who is now back to goalscoring form after injury.

"It can get tough at times," says Willie, "but the best way to answer any tight defence is to rattle in as many goals as possible and that's what I try to do."

"You must never get frustrated, though. That makes it easy for the defence and that just can't be allowed."

GRAEME PAYNE, Dundee United's astute young midfielder, has attracted the attention of a lot of clubs, including European Champions Liverpool, with his buzzing style of play, but his boss

Jim McLean thinks he would be even better if defences didn't clamp down on him so hard.

"He's a great player," says McLean, "but he takes punishment. His skill isn't being allowed to shine through the way it should. It would help him if the tackle from behind was banned the way it is in England."

"Graeme's a slight fellow who relies on pure football talent. He wants to bring colour to our game with his exciting runs, but he is being crunched out of some games."

Morton right-back and skipper Davie Hayes is an admirer of Payne's skills. He says: "The boy can play, there's no doubt about that. If you give him even an inch he'll skin you with his skill."

"It's my job to prevent goals being scored against Morton, so when I have played against Graeme in the past I have gone out to make sure he has a quiet game. However, if I watch a game Graeme is the sort of player I like to see in action."

"He's an exciting player, a real crowd-pleaser, but my job on the park is to see Morton are successful. I know soccer is an entertain-

ment, but results are all-important.

"By that I do not mean we must win at all costs. The manager, Benny Rooney, wouldn't stand for that. It's unfortunate in a way because we have the likes of Andy Ritchie and Mark McGhee being watched closely in every game. The entertainers are being clamped down upon, but that's football, I suppose."

A Premier forward admitted to SHOOT his boss had ordered him to watch Celtic right-back DANNY McGRAIN during a game.

"It's true," says the player who wants to remain anonymous. "I had been playing well on the wing but the manager took me aside before the game and told me to watch McGrain."

"I thought he was kidding, but he was deadly serious. He told me to make sure McGrain had a quiet game. That was the first time I had ever heard of a winger marking a full-back! We lost 1-0 and, as usual, McGrain had a good game."

These are just some of the players who have become marked men North of the border.

Sometimes they win, sometimes they don't. That's soccer in the Seventies...

MARKED MEN

takes some stopping when he gets going and Paul Wilson, too, is a thorn to any defence the way he runs at them.

"Really, you can go through this side and select players who can win games for you. Take, for instance, our League match against Aberdeen at Parkhead. We won 3-2 and not one of our goals was scored by a recognised striker!"

"Andy Lynch got the first with a penalty, midfield man Roy Aitken got the second with an unstoppable 20 yarder and another midfielder, Johannes Edvaldsson, got the winner."

The modest Conn fails to point out that he takes the 'stick' that comes his way, but never loses heart and is full of running, dragging defenders all over the place.

His Celtic partner BOBBY LENNOX knows, too, all about having a shadow on the pitch, but he found a novel way of combating it during a European Cup match against AC Milan.

"The Italians are very good at man-to-man marking," says Bobby. "It's part of their natural game when they are playing away legs in Europe. Anyway, I was being shadowed right from the start in one game. In fact, I think I was being guarded even at the kick-in before the match!"

"I decided to try to baffle my Italian 'shadow'. I moved across to stick with their sweeper. Everywhere he went I went with him. And, of course, my marker came with me!"

"It was quite amazing. The three of us were together for most of the match. Their manager must have spotted something not quite right and took his marker off me."



Willie Pettigrew of Motherwell (above) has been shadowed for the past few seasons.

Graeme Payne (light strip, right) beats off the challenge from Hearts' Cammy Fraser during a League clash last season.



First caps for Steve and Bob~ and



'I was disappointed in the Italians'

STEVE COPPELL
(Manchester United)

PLAYING for England for the first time, against Italy, was fabulous. I suppose it is the sort of thing you dream about, and it's great when it really happens.

But I was disappointed in the Italians — before the game they had been rated as something of a super team, better than we were. I think the Press was to blame for this, and it was disheartening to be constantly reading the adverse reports about England. They did nothing to help our morale.

On that wonderful November night at Wembley, when England restored their good name in World football by defeating the Italians 2-0, Steve Coppell, of Manchester United, and Bob Latchford, of Everton, made their debuts, while captain Emlyn Hughes of Liverpool made his 50th appearance for his country. Here, they each give their opinions on the match that forms milestones in their careers.

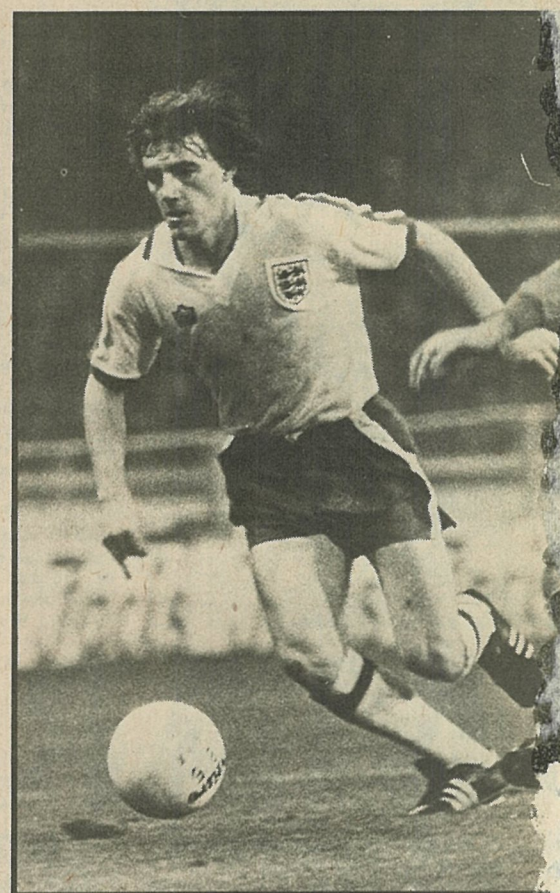
Fortunately, our manager, Ron Greenwood, was able to take the pressure off us, and his approach was just right in the circumstances. He told me to play the same way as I did for United, and England's formation of 4-2-4 helped me to settle down quickly — at the same time, we were told we had a job to do, and we were all determined to do it.

I believe England did well — we turned in an encouraging display. Though I thought the fact we had not had a lot of experience together was shown during the second-half, when for 20 minutes we didn't play World-class stuff.

Earlier, our quick goal came at a time when it was needed — it prevented the fans becoming impatient. And I must say the support we received from the Wembley crowd was tremendous. They really got behind us, and if we had managed to score our second goal sooner in the game, I feel England could have got three or four goals.

In the second-half, the Italian manager had obviously decided to change their tactics, and after using the wings in the first-half we were later forced more inside by their defenders. While on the subject of wings I'd like to praise the part England's third new cap Peter Barnes played in our win.

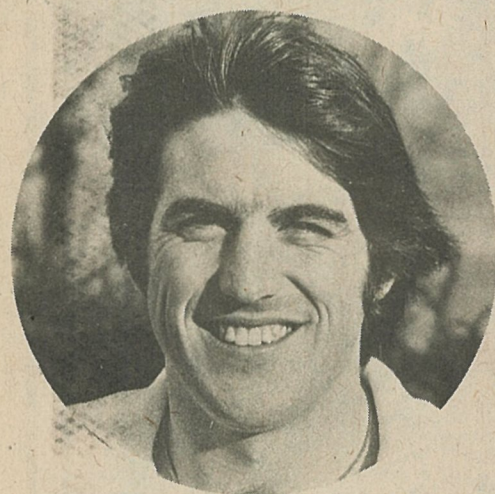
Overall, though, as I said before, Italy fell below what I expected of them. Having played



against Juventus, who had international players in their side, and been impressed by them, I had to change my opinion at Wembley.

For England, the match proved we have a sound basis on which to build for the future.

'A heartening performance' BOB LATCHFORD (Everton)



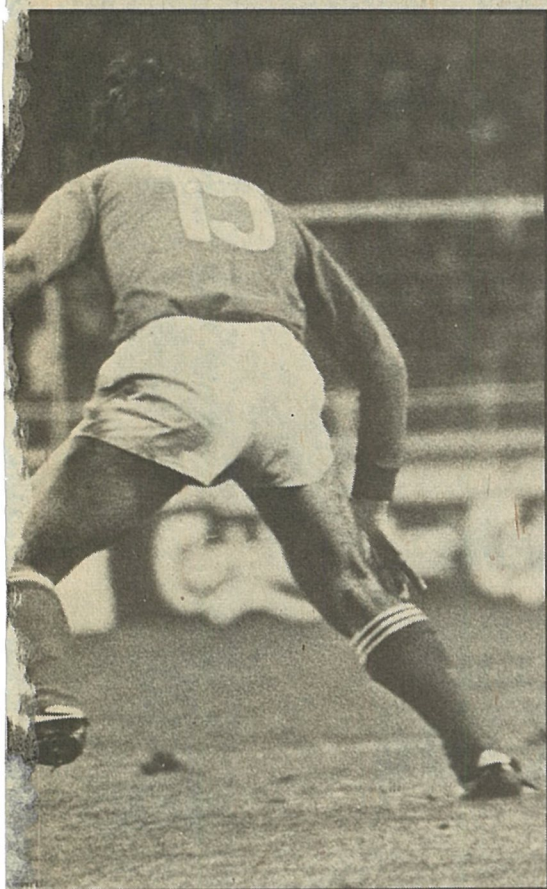
I WAS delighted to get my first England cap, and be part of a side which I thought was on top of the Italians almost throughout the 90 minutes.

Some of the pressure was taken off England because of the fact most people already considered us out of the World Cup — but on the other hand, this was balanced by our players knowing the crowd was looking for a

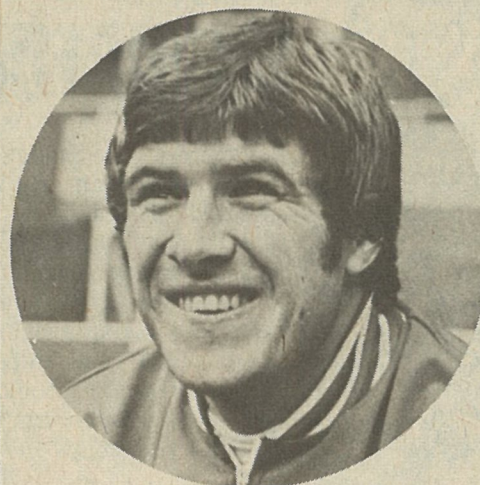
Roberto Bettega is left on the ground as Bob Latchford comes away with the ball.



Emlyn celebrates his half-century



Steve Coppell takes the ball around Italy defender Sala. The Manchester United star was told to play the same way as he does for his club.



'It was a real team effort'

EMLYN HUGHES
(Liverpool)

FROM a personal point of view, the fact this was my 50th appearance for England made it a special occasion. Later, after the game, when people were coming up to offer their congratulations I realised how much our win had meant to the fans.

And for England, the victory was especially welcome, following previous poor results at Wembley. As to the game itself, I enjoyed it more than I have any England match for a while — it was a real team effort, more than it was a

game for individuals. But in speaking of individuals, I thought it the best international display Kevin Keegan had given since I've worn an England jersey.

Kevin was outstanding, but was greatly helped in his efforts by the other players — everybody did well and we had about 80 per cent of the play. We kept the pressure on for most of the time, and when the Italians did attack they never really gave us much trouble.

But they are a good side, and in their match against West Germany, the Italians gave the Germans plenty of problems in the second-half. And against us, their defence tightened up after the interval and managed to keep the score down to 2-0.

At half-time, we felt if we could score early in the second-half, as we had in the first, we could go on to get three or four goals. And I would have been delighted with four, because then the Italians would have needed a 5-0 win over Luxembourg to clinch their World Cup place.

As it happened, it was too late in the game for us to manage three or four, after our second goal was scored. But this was my only disappointment — in all, England had shown it was a side capable of holding its own, even if the result did not automatically qualify us as world-beaters.

We gave the crowd something to cheer about, and they responded magnificently — we proved there is hope for England.

display from England which could restore our pride.

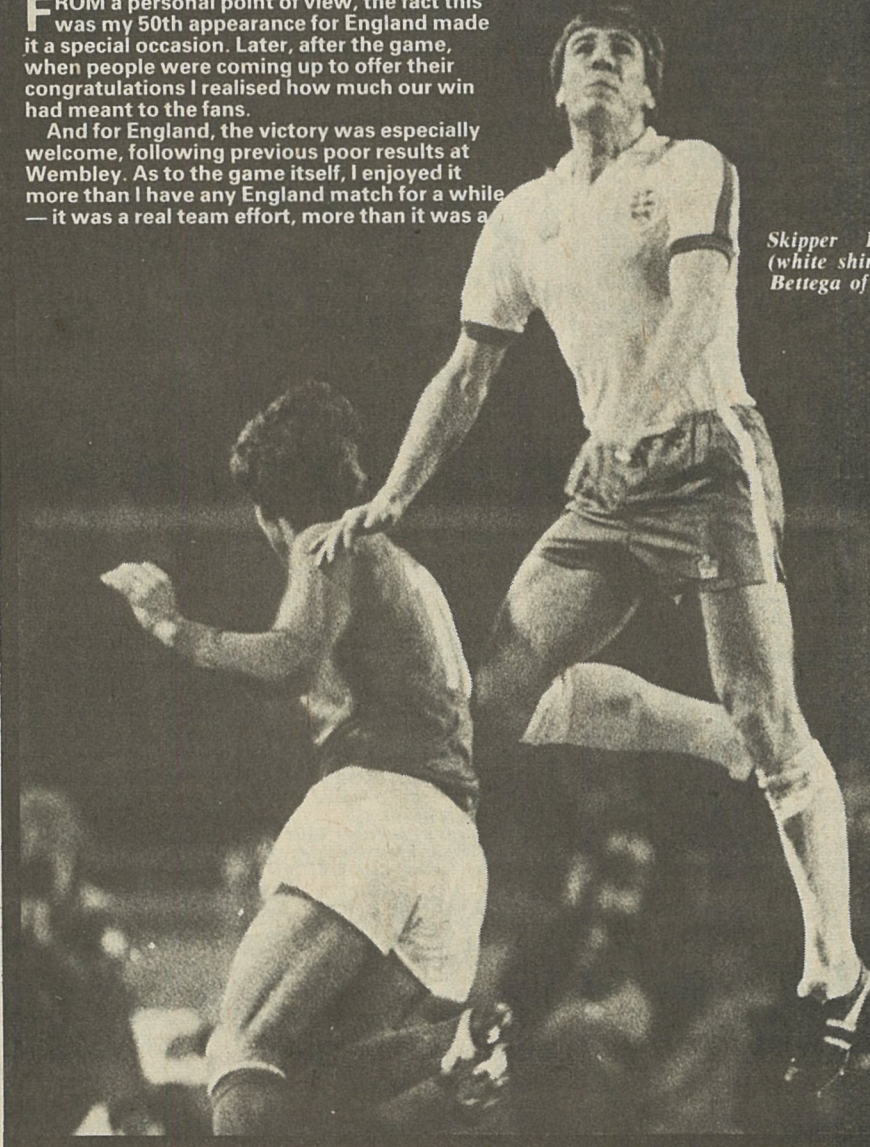
And I believe we did this. Even though Italy have skilled ball players, this skill must be applied in the conditions existing at the time — and at Wembley, Italy were only able to mount an occasional counter-attack.

For me, there was a difference in this international match as compared to the usual club game. At Wembley, although the build-up from midfield may have appeared fast, in reality it was slow — there was more space in midfield than there is to be found in a League game. But around the penalty-area, things were much quicker, and there was very little room to manoeuvre.

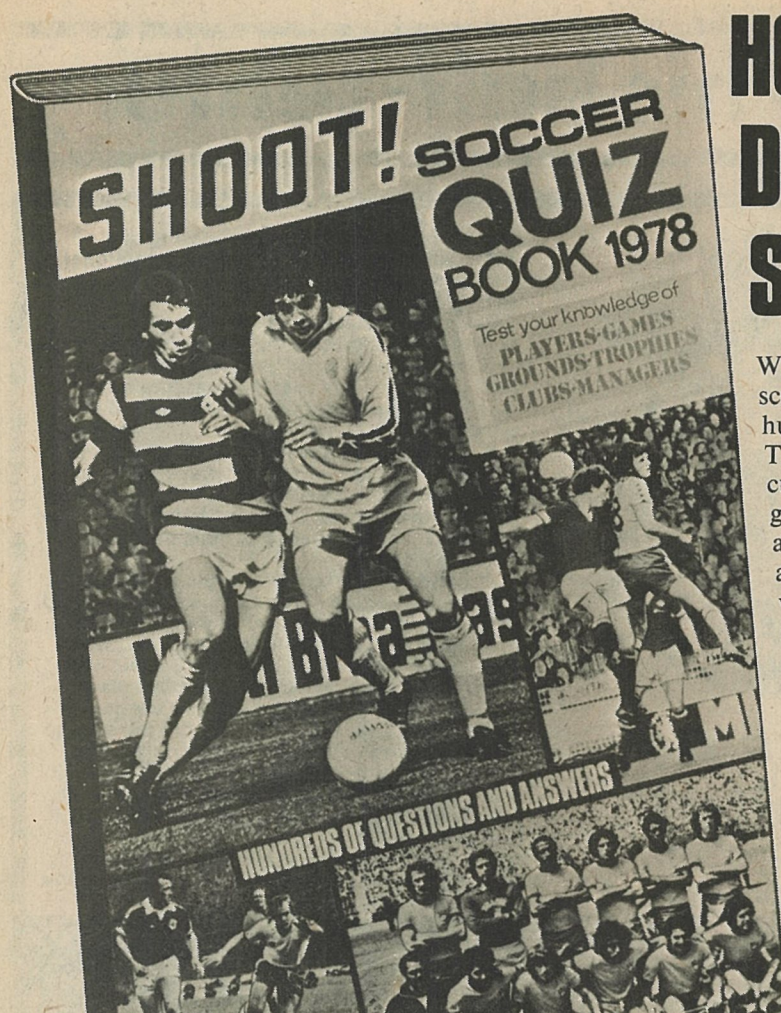
And I thought England's performance was especially good when you consider there were several changes in the line-up, compared to an Italian side which was used to playing together and half of which was made up of Juventus players.

But in spite of their experience, I thought the Italians at times showed signs of panic, notably after Trevor Brooking had scored our second goal. If this had come sooner, we might have had them really on the run, as they were also a little nervous in the first-half following our opening goal.

However, the England victory after disappointments of previous months was very heartening. Now we must make plans for building a successful national side. There are promising youngsters available who should be brought into the scheme of things — they ought to be kept together over a period and given as many matches together as possible in order to find the right blend.

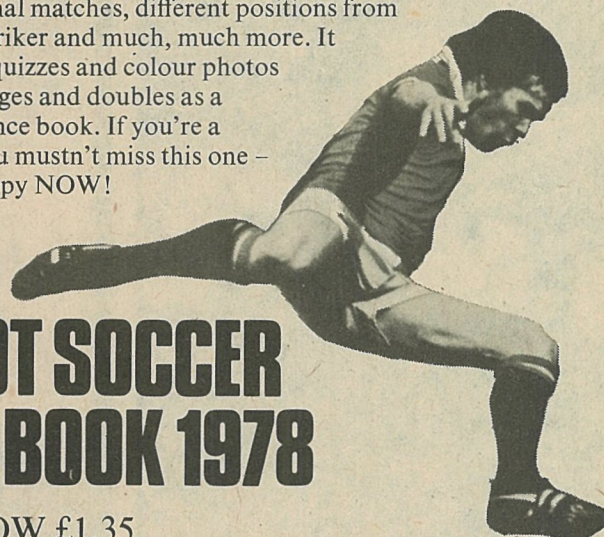


Skipper Emlyn Hughes (white shirt) climbs above Bettiga of Italy.



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THE Cosmos became only the second team in the history of the North American Soccer League to win the Championship twice when they beat the Seattle Sounders 2-1 in the Soccer Bowl in Portland, Oregon, on August 28th. The Cosmos first won the title in 1972.

COSMOS

Formed in 1971, the Cosmos (who dropped the "New York" from their title when they moved to New Jersey) were just another team in the N.A.S.L. until the world-famous Pele was lured out of retirement in Brazil to come to the United States and play for them.

The following year Pele was joined by another player of international renown in Giorgio Chinaglia, who arrived from Italian club Lazio of Rome. Then in the current season the club obtained Franz Beckenbauer captain of West Germany when they won the World Cup in 1974 and Carlos Alberto captain of Brazil when they won the World Cup in 1970.

Attendances at the Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, where the Cosmos play their home games leaped and on August 14th a crowd of 77,691 showed up for their game against the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, which is a record for a soccer game in North America.

The Cosmos finished second in their Division, but won their way through the play-offs to the Soccer Bowl which was played before a sell-out crowd in Portland of 35,548.



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 1977 Cosmos.

LEFT . . . Coach Eddie Firmani with superstar Franz Beckenbauer in the luxurious Giants Stadium, New Jersey.

PLAY-OFF RESULTS — 1977

Tampa Bay (H) 3-0 Pele 2, Chinaglia 57,828
 Fort Lauderdale (H) 8-3 Chinaglia 3, Hunt 2, Field, Beckenbauer, Etherington 77,691
 *Fort Lauderdale (A) 3-2 Pele, Chinaglia 14,152
 Rochester (A) 2-1 Chinaglia, Hunt 20,005
 Rochester (H) 4-1 Chinaglia 2, Pele, Dimitrijevic 73,669
 Seattle (A) 2-1 Hunt, Chinaglia 35,548
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LEAGUE RESULTS 1977

Las Vegas (A) 0-1 11,896
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 Rochester (H) 2-0 Chinaglia, Pele 26,752
 *Dallas (H) 1-2 Smith 13,527
 *St. Louis (H) 2-3 Dillon, Morais 20,112
 Connecticut (A) 3-2 Chinaglia, Dimitrijevic, Eddy (pen) 17,302
 Chicago (A) 2-1 o.g., Dimitrijevic 21,108
 Fort Lauderdale (H) 3-0 Pele 3 21,782
 Chicago (H) 1-2 Chinaglia (pen) 20,407
 Tampa Bay (A) 2-4 Field, Beckenbauer 45,288
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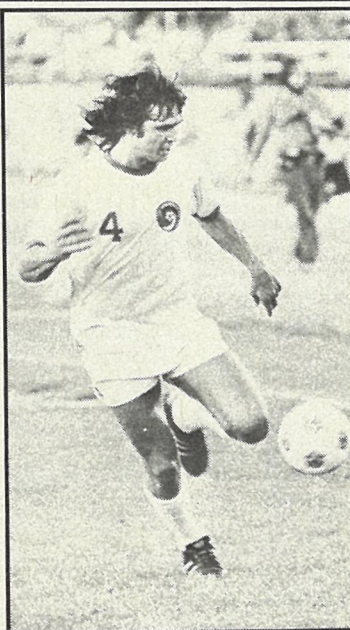
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 Portland (H) 2-0 Chinaglia, Hunt 41,205
 Washington (H) 8-2 Chinaglia 3, Beckenbauer 2, Hunt 2, Field 34,189
 Connecticut (H) 3-1 Chinaglia, Field, Pele 46,389
 Washington (A) 1-2 Pele (pen) 31,283
Attendances:
 Away — 329,794. Average — 25,369
 Home — 443,847. Average — 34,142
 Total — 773,641. Average — 29,755



Giorgio Chinaglia (right) in action against Chris Turner of the Connecticut Bicentennials.

PEN PICTURES

Carlos ALBERTO. Defender. On loan from Flamengo of Rio de Janeiro. Age 33. Seventy-three international caps for Brazil. Played for Santos 1966-1974. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12st. 2lb. App. 4.
 Franz BECKENBAUER. Defender. Signed from Bayern Munich. Age 32. 103 international caps for West Germany and captain of World Cup-winning team in 1974. Ht. 5-11. Wt. 11st. 11lb. App. 15. G. 4.
 Giorgio CHINAGLIA. Striker. Signed from Lazio of Rome. Age 30. Born Carrara, Italy. Fourteen international caps. Second season with Cosmos. Ht. 6-1. Wt. 13st. 8lb. App. 24. G. 15.
 Mike DILLON. Defender. Signed from Tottenham Hotspur. Age 24. Born London, England. Third year with the Cosmos. Ht. 5-11. Wt. 12st 7lb. App. 13. G. 1.
 Vito DIMITRIJEVIC. Midfielder. Signed from Olimpija, Ljubljana of Yugoslavia. Born Surdulica (Yugoslavia). Age 28. Played for Yugoslavia in Under-23 internationals. Ht. 5-10. Wt. 12st. 2lb. App. 21. G. 4.
 Gary ETHERINGTON. Striker. Born London, England, but a U.S. citizen. Signed from Annandale Cavaliers. Age 18. U.S. youth international. Ht. 5-8. Wt. 10st. App. 4.



Werner Roth, captain of the Cosmos.

Tony FIELD. Striker. Signed from Sheffield United. Age 30. Born Halifax, England. Second season with the Cosmos. Ht. 5-7. Wt. 11st. App. 21. G. 6.
 Terry GARBETT. Midfielder. Signed from Sheffield United. Age 31. Born Malton, Durham, England. Second season with the Cosmos. Ht. 5-9. Wt. 11st. 12lb. App. 15.
 Steve HUNT. Striker. On loan from Aston Villa. Age 21. Born Birmingham, England. Ht. 5-8. Wt. 11st. 6 lb. App. 24. G. 8.
 Robert IRUSCI. Defender. Signed from Toronto Metros-Croatia. Age 23. Born Toronto, Canada. Five caps for Canada. Ht. 6-0. Wt. 12st. 12lb. App. 1.
 Ramon MIFFLIN. Midfielder. Signed from Santos of Brazil. Born in Lima, Peru. Age 29. Peruvian international. Second season with the Cosmos. Ht. 5-9. Wt. 11st. 6lb. App. 22. G. 1.
 Nelsi MORAIS. Defender. Signed from Santos of Brazil. Born in Santos. Age 25. Second season with the Cosmos. Ht. 5-9. Wt. 11st. 11lb. App. 22. G. 1.
 PELE. Striker. Signed from Santos of Brazil. Born in Tres Coracoes, Brazil. One hundred and ten caps for Brazil. Age 36. Third year with the Cosmos. Ht. 5-9. Wt. 11st. 11lb. App. 25. G. 13.

RILDO. Defender. Signed from Santos of Brazil. Age 34. Ht. 5-9. Wt. 11st 1lb. App. 12.
 Werner ROTH. Defender. Born in Yugoslavia but a U.S. citizen. A product of New York soccer. Captain of the Cosmos. Sixteen caps for the United States. Age 28. Sixth year with the Cosmos. Ht. 6-0. Wt. 12st. 12lb. App. 22. G. 1.
 Bob SMITH. Defender. Born in Trenton, U.S. Signed from the Philadelphia Atoms. Twelve caps for the United States. Second season with the Cosmos. Ht. 5-11. Wt. 11st. 11lb. App. 10. G. 1.
 Jomo SONO. Signed from the Orlando club of South Africa. Striker. Age 21. Ht. 5-8. Wt. 11st 11lb. App. 12. G. 1.
 Jadranko TOPIC. Striker. Signed from Velez, Mostar of Yugoslavia. Born Mostar. Age 27. Yugoslavian Under-23 international. Ht. 5-11. Wt. 11st 9lb. App. 6. G. 1.
 Shep MESSING. Goalkeeper. Signed from the Boston Minutemen. Born New York. Age 27. U.S. amateur international 17 times. Fourth year with the Cosmos. Ht. 6-0. Wt. 12st. 12lb. App. 20.
 Erol YASIN. Goalkeeper. Signed from Galatasaray of Istanbul. Born Iskenderun, Turkey. Age 28. Twenty-seven international caps for Turkey. Ht. 6-1. Wt. 12st. 2lb. App. 7.

CHAMPIONS OF NORTH AMERICA

COSMOS



LEFT TO RIGHT: Gary Etherington, Vito Dimitrijevic, Pele, Giorgio Chinaglia, Steve Hunt, Tony Field, Franz Beckenbauer, Terry Garbett, Nelsi Morais, Carlos Alberto, Werner Roth, Shep Messing.

SHOOT!

Blackburn Rovers



BACK ROW (left to right): Bobby Mitchell, Mick Wood, Graham Hawkins, John Bulcher, Paul Bradshaw (now Wolves), Glen Keeley, Derek Fazackerley, Dave Wagstaffe. FRONT ROW: Noel Brotherton, Kevin Hird, Bobby Stare, Tony Parkes, Stuart Metcalfe, John Curtis, John Bailey.

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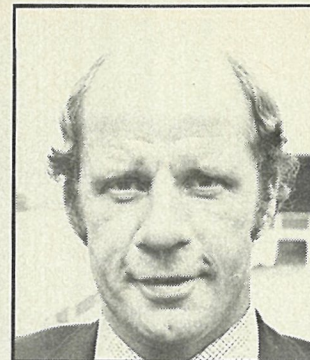


compiled by John Pyke

If you had named six clubs likely to win promotion from the Second Division before the season started, it is unlikely Blackburn Rovers would have figured among them. But there they are up with the leaders as 1977 draws to an end and deservedly so, too.

There are few star names at Ewood Park, perhaps the best-known being Dave Wagstaffe, the former Wolves player and surely one of the best uncapped wingers in the game. There are also long-serving players at the club. Stuart Metcalfe, who has been with the Rovers for ten years, Mick Wood and Tony Parkes, who were signed in 1970.

Manager Jim Smith has moulded them all into a combination that could well revive former glories for Blackburn Rovers, out of the limelight for far too long.



Blackburn manager Jimmy Smith (above) was a player who saw service with Sheffield United (1957-61), Aldershot (1961-64), Halifax Town (1964-67), Lincoln City (1967-68) and Boston United (1968-72).

Jimmy took over as manager of Boston United for four years from 1968. His first chance as boss of a League club came with Colchester United in 1972 and he took them out of the Fourth Division in 1974. Jimmy became manager of Blackburn Rovers in 1975.

RECORD VICTORY:
11-0 v Rossendale, F.A. Cup, 1884-85.

RECORD DEFEAT:
0-8 v Arsenal, Division One, February 25th, 1933.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
60 in Division Three, 1974-75.

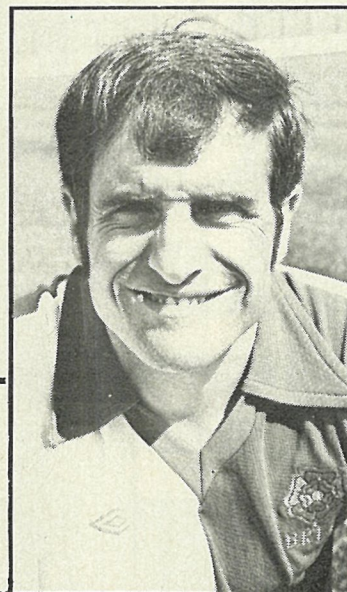
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
Ted Harper, 43 in Division One, 1925-26.

GROUND:
Ewood Park.
SIZE OF PITCH:
116 yards and two feet by 72 yards and two feet.

TELEPHONE No:
Blackburn 55432/3.

NICKNAME:
'Blue and Whites' or 'Rovers'.

COLOURS:
Blue and white halved shirts. White shorts; Blue socks with red and white tops.



BLACKBURN ROVERS

PEN-PICTURES

(L.App.— League Appearances; G.— Goals; S.— Substitutes; All records to the end of the 1976-77 season)

JOHN BAILEY: Defender who was signed professional in July, 1975. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.9. L.App.— 35 and 5 sub.

NOEL BROTHERSTON: Midfielder signed from Tottenham in July, 1977. Born Dundonald. Ht. 5.1. Wt. 10.6. L.App.— Tottenham 1.

JOHN BUTCHER: Goalkeeper signed professional in July, 1976 and given his regular League chance when Paul Bradshaw was transferred to Wolverhampton Wanderers early this season. Born Newcastle. Ht. 6.3. Wt. 12.10. L.App.— 1.

DEREK FAZACKERLEY: Defender signed professional in July, 1968. Has recovered from a serious leg injury early in his career to become one of Rovers star players. Born Preston. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.6. L.App.— 246 and 1 sub. G.— 8.

GRAHAM HAWKINS: Defender who has been a bargain buy since being transferred from Preston in June, 1974. Born Darlaston. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 13.0. L.App.— Wolves 28 and 6 sub, Preston 241 and 4 sub, Blackburn 102 and 1 sub. G.— Preston 3, Blackburn 4.

KEVIN HIRD: Midfielder signed professional in February, 1973. Voted Blackburn's 'Players Player of the Year' last season. Born Colne. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.10. L.App.— 65 and 3 sub. G.— 7.

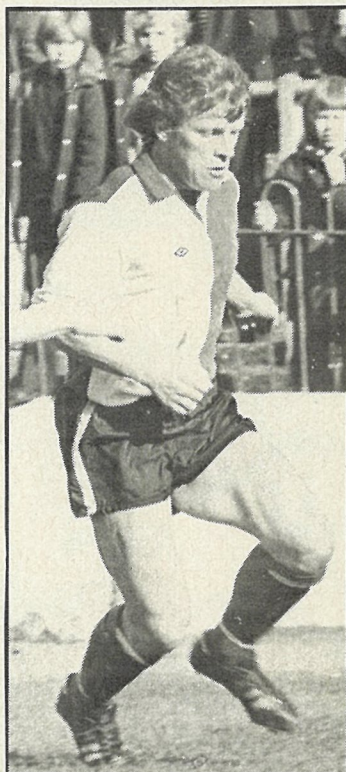
GLENN KEELEY: Central defender signed from Newcastle in August, 1976. Born Barking. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.0. L.App.— Ipswich 4, Newcastle 43 and 1 sub, Blackburn 33. G.— Newcastle 2.

JACK LEWIS: Striker signed from Grimsby Town in August, 1977. Born Long Eaton. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.9. L.App.— Lincoln 47 and 15 sub, Grimsby 231 and 27 sub. G.— Lincoln 9, Grimsby 74.

STUART METCALFE: Midfielder signed ten seasons ago and Rovers longest serving player. Born Blackburn. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.10. L.App.— 294 and 8 sub. G.— 16.

BOBBY MITCHELL: Midfielder signed from Sunderland in June,

GORDON TAYLOR



1976. Bobby was unlucky with injuries in the 1976-77 season. Born Hebburn. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.4. L.App.— Sunderland 1 and 2 sub, Blackburn 13 and 8 sub. G.— Blackburn 6.

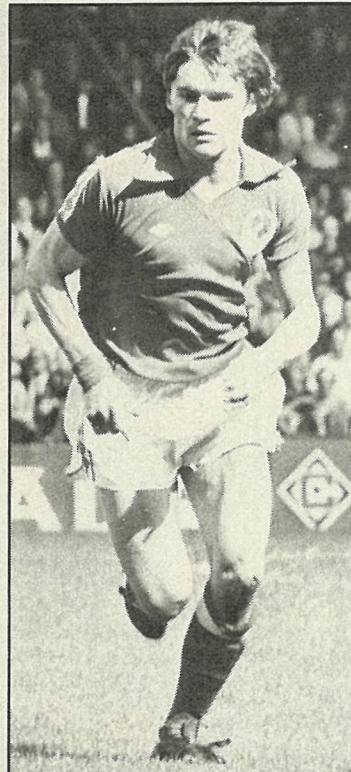
TONY PARKES: Signed professional in May, 1970, Tony was once a striker, but is now a fine midfield player. Born Sheffield. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.6. L.App.— 242 and 2 sub. G.— 32.

PAUL ROUND: Striker signed professional in August, 1977 having already played in the League as an amateur in 1976-77 season. Born Blackburn. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— 2. G.— 1.

GORDON TAYLOR: Striker or midfield player signed from Birmingham City in March, 1976. Born Ashton-under-Lyne. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 11.2. L.App.— Bolton 254 and 5 sub, Birmingham 156 and 10 sub, Blackburn 32. G.— Bolton 41, Birmingham 9, Blackburn 1.

JOHN WADDINGTON: Defender signed when Liverpool released

DEREK FAZACKERLEY



him in August, 1973. Born Darwen. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.9. L.App.— Blackburn 99 and 2 sub. G.— 14.

DAVE WAGSTAFFE: Striker signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers in March, 1976. A very fine winger who was voted 'Player of the Year' by Rover fans in 1977. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.10. L.App.— Man. City 144, Wolves 324, Blackburn 40 and 1 sub. G.— Man. City 8, Wolves 24, Blackburn 2.

MICK WOOD: Defender who signed professional in February, 1970. Born Bury. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.4. L.App.— 134 and 5 sub.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Tony Field	18
1973-74	Tony Field	11
1974-75	Don Martin	15
1975-76	Ken Beamish	7
	Tony Parkes	7
1976-77	Bobby Svarc (right)	10

IT LOOKS as though I will have to leave SHOOT'S coverage of the Scottish scene to John Greig for a while. Speaking as Celtic's only Manchester-based player, I feel more qualified to join in with Andy Gray, Gordon Hill, Ray Clemence and the boys on their comments on the English scene!

Reason for the stay South of the border is a prolonged visit to a Manchester hospital to sort out once and for all the ankle injury that has kept me out of action for so long.

Tartan Talk

DANNY McGRAIN

I have spent my time in the city watching television in my hospital room, training with City and staying at weekends with Scotland team-mate Willie Donachie, who has been kind enough to offer me the hospitality of his home when I get a pass from the hospital.

City have been a different class with the help they have given me. There has been no end to the encouragement I have got from manager Tony Book, physios Freddie Griffiths and Roy Bailey and coach Bill Taylor.

Needless to say, Scots boys Asa Hartford, Willie and Keith MacRae can't do enough either.

Sure, I have taken stick from the English boys... but it is all good fun.

I am very impressed with the Maine Road set-up. And I'll tell you this. They haven't got such a bad team either.

I was particularly impressed

'I'M NOT IN FAVOUR OF A SPLIT-SEASON'

with the way they thrashed Chelsea at Maine Road on the last Saturday in November. Mind you, although it was 6-2, I reckon the first two goals were soft ones.

But after that, brilliant young Peter Barnes put his show on the road and tore Chelsea apart. Never thought I would see the day I was cheering on a team in blue and white!

Yes, Manchester is a fine place — at least the parts I have seen which are really only the hospital and the ground — but I can't get back to Glasgow soon enough.

In fact, by the time you read this I hope to be relaxing in my new home for which my wife Lorraine did all the hard work. At least my stay in hospital kept me well out of the way when we were moving.

I don't suppose it is so bad in hospital. The staff were great and my mate Kenny Dalglish drove from Liverpool to see me.

On top of that the boys at Manchester City kept me in such good trim that when my injury is finally healed I will be able to go straight back into action.



Meanwhile, back home it is good to see Celts climb back up the table again... even if it is without me. Things will get better yet with the return of Pat Stanton and Alfie Conn, my fellow cripples.

That progress was temporarily halted by the weather at Clydebank when the match was abandoned at half-time with the score at 1-1. We will never know if the Bankies would have taken a point to help them in their battle to avoid relegation.

Immediately it started the call for summer soccer and an end to the days of frostbite for fans and ice-skating conditions for players.

It is an argument with which I have a great deal of sympathy... although I do see lots of snags.

Football in the sun is a comforting thought, but if our season was to be played from say, March to November, what would happen in the World Cup season? I realise that isn't an immediate problem for England, but it is something we have to think about North of the border.

I suppose clubs could take advantage of the winter shut-down to fly off to the sun and tour the lands where they celebrate Christmas on the beach.

But whatever the arrangement was, I am NOT in favour of splitting the season the way they do in some European countries.

Meanwhile, this Saturday (December 17th) McGrain-less Cel-

tic face St Mirren at Love Street in a League match.

Saints, of course, beat us 2-1 at Parkhead on October 15th in something of a thriller.

But despite the presence of brilliant young skipper Tony Fitzpatrick, new signing from Rangers, Iain Munro, who started his career at Love Street and former Parkhead team-mate Ally Hunter, I fancy us to turn the table this time.

I don't think there is much doubt now St Mirren are good enough to stay in the Premier Division. And who knows, they might just be good enough to shock a few sides in the Scottish Cup which gets under way next month... as far as the Premier and First Division sides are concerned.

And I hope that includes yours truly...

See you in two weeks.

Danny McGrain

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' SKIPPER JOHN GREIG



Dennis Tueart (right) scores Manchester City's second "soft" goal against Chelsea recently.

'T.V. NOT TO BLAME FOR STAY-AWAY FANS'



**RAY
WILKINS**
writes for you

"I shuddered when Jimmy Jill criticised Manchester United goalkeeper Alex Stepney on television."



EVERY Sunday afternoon I put my feet up and watch The Big Match. When it comes to soccer on TV I must admit I'm a big fan, even though I have an extra interest in Brian Moore's programme.

The credits at the beginning feature my volleyed goal against Sheffield United last season. I never tire of seeing that one go in!

When I'm a television soccer fan, I try to sit back and enjoy the game. I don't look too deeply at tactics or formations, although I'm sure many coaches and managers use "the box" to do extra homework on opponents.

Obviously there are certain aspects you can't help noticing, especially in action replays, but overall I watch football on TV for entertainment.

Mind you, I hate it when I see myself. First, I tend to become rather embarrassed if the commentator says "another superb ball from Wilkins," and my family are in the room with me. Still, better, I suppose, than "Wilkins is having a stinker today!"

When Chelsea are on TV, I find myself looking for our mistakes, especially missed chances. I take special note of where our players were during, say, a goalmouth scramble.

It's remarkable, at times, how television can make an ordinary match appear exciting.

There may have been just six worthwhile moves in the game, yet when edited down to about half an hour, viewers can go away thinking what a great game it must have been.

I've watched matches I've played in and TV can certainly give a false impression.

I'll never forget my first television interview. It was a couple of years ago on The Big Match — I forget which game was being featured.

I doubt if I've ever been as nervous! My lasting memory is having to sign a huge autograph book at the end of the show just before the final credits.

My hand was shaking so much nobody would be able to read *that* particular signature!

Now, I feel more relaxed in front

of the cameras. I know the TV personalities much better and it helps if you feel at ease with the person you're talking to.

The interviews are usually done soon after the end of the game and while a player often has a rough idea of what he's going to be asked, very often questions arise during the chat which hadn't been planned.

While I'm in favour of soccer on TV as a fan, there are many people within the game who believe it's bad for football.

My own feelings are that, overall, TV doesn't really harm soccer. Those who say it keeps people away from grounds may be correct — but only a very small percentage.

By far the biggest menace to attendances is the hooligan problem.

When I was 12 or 13, I used to go to football with my family and there was never any fighting. Now, how many mums and dads with their sons or daughters do you see at games? Very few.

I certainly wouldn't let a son of mine go to a game, not unattended anyway. It just wouldn't be worth the risk.

This is why TV does a good job in

bringing these youngsters soccer regularly, not forgetting the elderly and disabled.

I think a true fan will go to football regardless of how much soccer is on "the box", or the weather... or anything.

In some respects, television has done the game a service. Surely a good match is a fine advertisement for the sport?

Local previews

At the moment we have at least two hours' soccer per week, plus invariably a mid-week game. When you include the Saturday lunch-time shows and local previews, you can see around four hours' football a week if you're lucky.

It wouldn't be fair to have any more. Remember, many people don't like football and I have sympathy with these folk during World Cups.

Often, their only alternative view-

A player guilty of a bad foul deserves to be shown up, but having said that I'm sure every pro would agree he wouldn't want it to happen to any of HIS team-mates.

Maybe this sort of thing can do some good, though. Nottingham Forest defender Kenny Burns has had some 'stick' for his robust style of play, yet he seems to have quietened down without losing any of his enthusiasm or skill.

I noticed this when we played Forest at Stamford Bridge a few weeks back, so perhaps Kenny is, in hindsight, grateful for some TV criticism.

Television can go too far at times and I was sorry for Alex Stepney when Jimmy Hill had a right go at him after a couple of "soft" goals during Manchester United/FC Porto.

I shuddered when the "soccer sheik" criticised poor old Alex so mercilessly and I think Jim went beyond the line of duty then.

I think fans would rather see "villains" shown up, not good honest guys like Alex Stepney.

I don't really like seeing referees' mistakes highlighted either. As I have written in an earlier article, the ref has the toughest job out on the park and has to make split-second decisions.

Take, for instance, the controversial handball incident during the Wales/Scotland World Cup-tie. I watched it two or three times and even then I wasn't 100 per cent sure what happened.

Perhaps it WAS Joe Jordan who handled the ball and not David Jones, but my sympathy lies with the ref in such cases, because he has an impossible task.

Up early

I like Jackie Charlton's coaching series — our Ken Swain always tries to get up early on Saturday mornings to watch it.

Jack has the ability to get his thoughts over to the kids and I'm sure youngsters everywhere benefit from this sort of soccer on TV.

This Saturday (December 17th) we face Norwich City at Stamford Bridge hoping to go one better than the 0-0 draw at Carrow Road not long ago.

It was a good game, despite the lack of goals, and there were plenty of near-misses. During the second-half, with a strong wind behind them, Norwich put us under pressure.

My brother Graham cleared off the line and Steve Wicks made our hearts miss a beat when he hit a post trying to kick clear.

Norwich are a very hard-working side who never stop running. Martin Peters played well while goalkeeper Kevin Keelan at 36 was also in top form.

See you in two weeks,

Raymond

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Nick Bonner of Weybourne, Farnham, in Surrey, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

COLIN'S FIGHT FOR FITNESS

I WAS fascinated to learn of the tremendous fight to regain fitness by Colin Bell, the Manchester City star, whose story was told on BBC's Nationwide the other week.

The film showed Bell's relentless efforts to get back after injuring a knee two years ago.

After spending months with the knee in plaster, Bell now trains for hours each day either in the gym or running around the suburbs near his home. This is to relieve the stiffness and pain caused by two years without a game — also, to displace a ligament which has attached itself to the joint and therefore restricts movement.

SHOOT, like most of the media, seems to have forgotten Colin Bell and even though I'm a loyal Manchester United follower, I feel the player deserves praise and I hope he is successful in his efforts.



● We on SHOOT wish Colin (above) the best of luck. The First Division is the poorer for the temporary loss of this talented former England star.

Good Idea

I THINK the idea of a tournament for nations who failed to qualify for the World Cup Finals is a good one. It would give fans a chance to see extra internationals against good-class opposition.

MARK FOWLER, KESWICK.

● Who would want to play in — and watch — a competition for "Losers"? I for one don't care for your idea, Mark.

Pen-Pal

I'M a 22-year-old Danish boy who would like to have girl pen-pals anywhere in the world who support Leeds United.

HELMER REENBERG NIELSEN, UGANDA VEJ 54, 2770 KASTRUP, DENMARK.

Bad Image

I FEEL I must complain about the amount of letters you receive from ignorant Scottish readers. I refer, in particular, to a letter which criticised SHOOT'S round-up of Scottish clubs' dismal showing in Europe this season.

As a Scot myself, I agreed with all the sentiments in the article — Scottish football IS in decline and something MUST be done about it.

As for the reader's comment about "English propaganda trying to cover up for England's disastrous performances home and abroad" — he obviously hasn't realised England boast Liverpool, the European Cup holders who, incidentally, could easily retain their trophy.

So to all my fellow Scots who write in about "English bias", think before you put pen to paper. It doesn't do Scotland's reputation much good in England.

KENNETH ROSS, ELLINGTON.

● I'm all for rivalry because it's what football is all about. But it should be kept friendly and sensible, as Kenneth points out. Incidentally, we receive many letters from Scottish readers criticising England and English football (as regular readers will know) but few bother to write intelligently and objectively about their own football.

Misprints

The Dover and East Kent News recently printed: "Whitfield led 2-2 at half-time..."!

SIMON BATTY-SMITH, RIVER.

● After Arsenal had lost at home to Derby, my Sunday Express said: "... a goal by Scotland captain Bruce Rioch, which Pat Jennings describes as "the craziest in my 40 years in top-class football."

PAUL MAGSON, TILBURY.

● Keep sending them in!

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

MONDAY, NOV. 7

FOURTH DIVISION

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Aitken) 2,028
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Hague)
 Wimbledon: Teale; Bryant, Galvin, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Aitken, Davies, Summerill, Connell, Leslie.
 Darlington: Owers; Nattress; Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Lyons, Rowles, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

THIRD DIVISION

CAMBRIDGE (3) 3 (Biley, Spriggs, Howard) 4,111
BURY (0) 0
 Cambridge: Hansbury; Batson, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs (Murray), Morgan, Finney, Biley.
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, McIlwraith (Wilson), Tucker, Thomson, Stanton, Suddick, Rowland, Robins, Hamstead.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Quarter-Finals, first-leg)

Q of S (2) 3 (Dempster, Reid, Dickson (G)) 3,000
FORFAR (1) 3 (Rae 3)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

LEAGUE CUP

(Third Round, second replay)

LUTON (2) 2 (Heale 2) 13,043
MAN. CITY (1) 3 (Tueart pen., Channon, Kidd) at Old Trafford a.e.t.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, McNichol, Stein (Sperrin), Hill, Fletcher (R), Fuccillo, Heale.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Doyle, Watson, Power, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Quarter-Finals, first-leg)

DUNDEE UTD (3) 3 (Hegarty, Kirkwood, Wallace)
HEARTS (1) 1 (Busby) 7,400
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Rennie, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Holt, Kirkwood, Wallace (Addison), Payne.

RANGERS (2) 3 (McLean 2, Jackson) 10,000
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Muller)
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, Macdonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Reid)
CELTIC (2) 3 (Craig 2, Edvaldsson) 18,101
 St. Mirren: Hunter (D); Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Dunlop, McGarvey, Stark, Hyslop, Richardson, Munro.
 Celtic: Latchford; Aitken, Lynch, McWilliams, McDonald, Munro, Doyle, Edvaldsson, Craig, Conn, Wilson.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Garwood, Bunkell) 4,788
SWINDON (0) 0
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Bunkell, Allinson.
 Swindon: Allan; Ford (Guthrie), Tröloope, McLaughlin, Aizlewood, Prohett, Moss, Stroud, Kamra, McHale, Anderson.

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (2) 6 (Halford 2, Prudham 2, Park, Thompson pen.) 4,179
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson, Loadwick, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, McBeth.

Hartlepool: Edgar; Smith (G), Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, Cassidy, Linacre, Newton, Smith (T), Goad.

SATURDAY, NOV. 12

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Coop o.g.) 31,653
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Green)
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.
 Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Roberts, Coop, Nardiello, Wallace, Green, Powell, Hutchison.

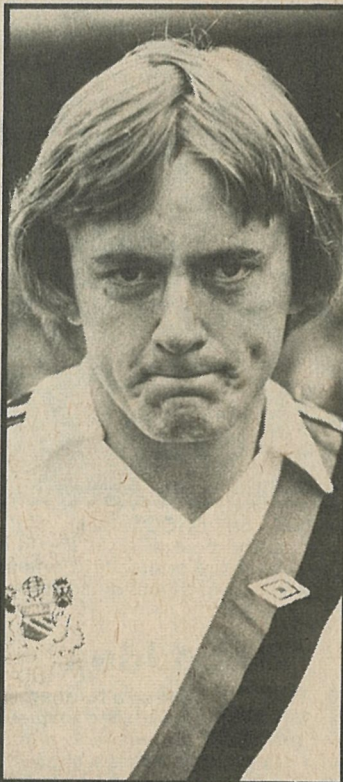
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Cummins) 31,837
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Cowans, Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.
 Middlesbrough: Cuff; Bailey, Cooper, Souness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Cummins, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.

BRISTOL C (2) 3 (Ritchie 2, Gillies) 20,051
DERBY (1) 1 (Rioch)
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbutt, Gillies, Whitehead.
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Nish, Rioch, McFarland, Todd, Powell, Hector, Hughes, Masson, Ryan.

EVERTON (1) 2 (Latchford 2)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Bertschin) 37,783
 Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Buckley, King, Dobson, Latchford, Pearson, Thomas.
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers (Connolly), Sbragia, Want, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.

LEICESTER (2) 2 (Williams, Salmons) 13,779
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Talbot)
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Blockley, Webb, Weller, Samuels, Salmons, Waddle, Williams.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Stirr, Tibbott, Hunter, Osman, Talbot, Mills, Gates, Mariner, Geddis, Woods (Whymark).

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Channon, Barnes) 42,651
LEEDS (0) 3 (Jordan, Graham, Hankin)
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie,



A goal by Peter Barnes for Manchester City was not enough to stop Leeds United winning 3-2 at Maine Road.

Doyle, Watson, Power, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.
 Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Harris, Hankin, Jordan, Flynn, Graham.

NORWICH 0
CHELSEA 0 19,566
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggitt, Peters.
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Sparrow, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Aylott, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Cooke.

NOTTM FOREST (0) 2 (Burns, Gemmill)
MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Pearson) 30,183
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Gemmill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Man. U: Roche, Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, McGrath, Coppell, Pearson, McCreery, Hill.

Q.P.R. (2) 2 (James, Bowles)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 25,625
 Q.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Needham, Busby, Eastoe (Cunningham), James, Givens, Bowles, Williams.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Hansen, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott, Heighway, Fairclough, Callaghan.

WEST HAM (1) 3 (Robson pen., Devonshire 2)
W.B.A. (2) 3 (Wile 2, Cunningham) 23,601
 West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Curbisley, Brooking, Hales.
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Cunningham, Cross, Robson, Johnston.

WOLVES (1) 1 (Patching)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 16,964
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Daly, Parkin, Patching, Daley, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell (Farley), Kelly.
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Craig (D), Barker, Cassidy, Bird, Natrass, Barrowclough, Martin, Burns, Walker (Smith), Craig (T).

SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON (0) 2 (Whatmore, Wood o.g.) 15,977
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Flanagan)
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce (Jones), Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Waldron, Worthington.
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Tydeman, Giles, Dugdale, Powell, Gritt (Campbell), Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Horton pen.) 20,389
ORIENT (0) 0
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Potts, Piper (Towner), Mellor, Ward, O'Sullivan.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Allen, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedoie, Grealish, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.

BURNLEY (2) 3 (Fletcher 2, Kindon) 9,722
NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Carter pen.)
 Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Hall, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochrane, Noble, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, McVay, Stubbs, Chapman, Carter, Sims (Hooks), Vinter, Birchenall, Mann.

C. PALACE (0) 1 (Harkouk)
TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Moore, Duncan) 40,277
 Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Blyth, Swindlehurst, Chatterton, Hilaire, Perrin, Harkouk.
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, Osgood, Perryman, Pratt, McNab (Armstrong), Moores, Duncan, Taylor.

HULL (3) 4 (Stewart 2, Warboys, Dobson)
CARDIFF (1) 1 (Sayer pen.) 5,228
 Hull: Wealand; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Roberts, Galvin, Haigh, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.
 Cardiff: Irwin; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Went, Pontin (Attley), Giles, Dwyer, Sayer, Robson, Grapes.

MANSFIELD (2) 3 (Sharkey, Syrett, Miller)
LUTON (0) 1 (Hill) 7,522
 Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips, Morris, Saxby, Wood, Sharkey, Moss, Syrett, Hodgson, Miller.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, McNichol, Husband, Hill, Fletcher (R), Fuccillo, Heale (Stein).

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Seasman)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Lewis) 5,749

Millwall: Goddard; Donaldson, Moore, Walker, Tagg, Hazell, Hamilton, Seasman, Pearson, Barrett (Dibble), Chambers.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley (Wood), Brotherston, Taylor, Lewis, Parkes, Wagstaffe.

SHEFF. UTD. (0) 1 (Campbell) 14,766
OLDHAM (0) 0
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Campbell, Edwards (Speight), Hanson, Hamilton.
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Young, Chapman.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Baker, Peach pen.) 18,356
BLACKPOOL (0) 0
 Southampton: Wells; Andruszewski, Peach, Baker, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball (Hayes), Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Neville.
 Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Harrison, Hart, McEwan, Suddaby, Ronson, Ainscow, Walsh, Hutton, Weston (Finnigan).

STOKE (2) 2 (Waddington, Crooks) 14,155
FULHAM (0) 0
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Gregory, Busby, Bowers, Crooks.
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Howe, Best, Margerrison, Mitchell, Maybank, Evanson.

SUNDERLAND (2) 5 (Arnott, Greenwood, Henderson, Elliott, Lee) 24,633
BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Staniforth)
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Elliott, Ashurst, Roston, Arnott, Greenwood, Lee, Rowell.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Taylor (T), Day, Taylor (S), Aitken, Staniforth, Williams, Gould, Randall, Barry.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C (2) 2 (Hutchins 2) 4,185
BURY (0) 1 (Keenan)
 Bradford: Downsbrough; Hardcastle, Podd, Smith, Middleton, Fretwell, Martinez (Ratcliffe), Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Bailey, Tucker, Thomson, Stanton, Johnson (Suddick), Rowland, Robins, Hamstead.

CAMBRIDGE (2) 5 (Biley, Smith, Finney 2, Murray) 4,834
LINCOLN (0) 0
 Cambridge: Hansbury; Batson, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs (Murray), Morgan, Finney, Biley.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Neale, Cockerill, Wigginton, Crombie, Jones, Graham, Hubbard, Smith, Harding.

CARLISLE (1) 3 (Tait, McVitie, Bonnyman) 3,828
PORSMOUTH (0) 1 (Carr o.g.)
 Carlisle: Ross; Collins, McCartney, Bonnyman, Carr, Parker, McVitie, Lathan, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Roberts, Wilson, Piper (Pollock), Foster, Denyer, Pullar, Kemp, Green, Stokes, Mellows.

CHESTER (1) 2 (Edwards, Jeffries) 3,117
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Brownbill)
 Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Walker, Storton, Delgado, Jeffries, Crossley, Livermore, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Bentley, Harris, Dulson, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Ridley, Bailey, Brownbill, Beamish.

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Price) 5,714
EXETER (0) 0
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Burrows, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Randell, Holman, Jennings.

HEREFORD (2) 3 (Marshall, Emery, Holmes) 5,655
WALSALL (1) 2 (Birch, Buckley pen.)
 Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Ritchie, Layton, Marshall, Biley, Stephens, Proudlove, Davey, Holmes, Carter.
 Walsall: Kearns; Mackin, Newton, Evans, Hynd, Serella, Robertson, Bates, Dennehy, Buckley, Birch (Wood).

OXFORD (0) 1 (Taylor) 6,481
SHEFF. WED. (0) 0
 Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Seacole, Curran, Duncan.
 Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Dowd, Cusack, Mullen, Wyld, Porterfield, Tynan, Prendergast, Bradshaw.

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Austin, Johnson)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 5,572
 Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Megson, Taylor, Johnson, Austin, Harrison, Rogers.
 Chesterfield: Tingay; Badger (Dearden), Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Tartt, Fern, Simpson, Cammack, Heppollette.

PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce)
WREXHAM (1) 3 (Sutton, Shinton, McNeil) 10,342
 Preston: Tunks; Cameron, Wilson, Doyle, Uzelac, Baxter, Coleman, Haslegrave, Smith (Spavin), Elwiss, Bruce.
 Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton (Lyons), Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

ROTHERHAM (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Sargent) 4,220
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Matthews, Stancliffe, Green, Finney (Womble), Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.
 Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Cliss (Sargent), Carmichael, Robson.

TRANMERE (0) 2 (Palios, Allen pen.)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 4,708
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry (James), Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Durban, Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Keay, Bates, Maguire (Loughnane), Nixon.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (2) 3 (Brodie, Jopling, Dungworth)
TORQUAY (0) 0 3,716
 Aldershot: Johnson; Dixon, Wooler, Hooper, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Tomlin, Lawrence, Dunne, Brown, Raper (Sanderson).

BARNLEY 0
BRENTFORD 0 4,046
 Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Joicey, Peachey, Little, Collier (Price).
 Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Salman, Lloyd, Kruse, Shrubbs, Carlton (Rolph), Graham (J), McCulloch, Alder, Phillips.

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Rowles 2)
SOUTHDOWN (0) 0 2,337
 Darlington: Owers; Hague, Cochrane, Crosson, Stone, Nattress, Lyons, Rowles, Maitland, Seal, Wann.
 Southdown: Freeman; Moody, Young, Laverick, Clark, Townsend, Morris, Goodwin, Parker, Hadley, Foggon.

DONCASTER (3) 4 (Laidlaw, Bowden, O'Callaghan, Habbins)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Hall, McGowan) 2,688
 Doncaster: Peacock; Olney (Snodin), Robinson, Laidlaw, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Bowden, O'Callaghan, Jones (C), Habbins.
 Northampton: Jayes; Mead, Tucker, Lyon, Litt, Bryant, Farrington, Hall, Reilly, McGowan, Christie.

GRIMSBY (0) 0
READING (1) 1 (Earles) 3,762
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Liddell, Donovan (Ford), Partidge, Cumming, Brolly.
 Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hetzke, White, Earles, Kearns, Nelson, Cumming, Davies.

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NEWPORT (2) 2 (Guscott, Woods)
HALIFAX (0) 0 3,992
 Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Byrne, Emanuel, Walker (R), Aizlewood, Walker (S), Woods (Williams), Goddard, Relish, Guscott.
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Bradley, Smith, Alcock, Dunleavy, Johnston, Bell, Powell, Lawson (Trainer), Horsfall.

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Owen)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Showers) 1,035
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows (Boslem), O'Loughlin, Scaife, Scott, Bannon, Owen, Morrin, Melledew, Esser, Tarbuck.
 Bournemouth: Baker, Butler, Miller, Benson, Impy, Barton, Johnson, Showers, Howarth, Lennard, Cave.

SWANSEA (0) 5 (Lally, Bartley, Curtis 3)
CREWE (0) 0 4,253
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Bruton, May, Moore (G), Lally, James, Curtis, Griffiths, Conway.
 Crewe: Crudginton; Mason, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.

WATFORD (3) 4 (Mercer 2, Jenkins 2)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Lumby) 10,565
 Watford: Sherwood; Joslyn, Pritchett, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Bolton, Mercer, Jenkins, Blissett.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Kavanagh, Money, Cooper, Oates, Kilmore (Pilling), Wigg, Lumby, Keeley.

YORK (0) 2 (Pollard, Brooks o.g.)
SOUTHPORT (1) 1 (Jones) 2,011
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James (Young), Pollard, Hope, Randall, Stanforth, McDonald.
 Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Higham, Wilson, Gay, Ashworth, Jones.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN 0
AYR 0 9,350
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Smith (Sullivan), Garner, Miller, Robb, Jarvie, Harper, Fleming, Strachan.
 Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Fleming, Hyslop, McAnespie, McLaughlin (Christie), McAlle, Masterton, Hannah (McAlister), Cramond.

CELTIC (0) 1 (McAdam)
RANGERS (1) 1 (Johnstone) 56,000
 Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Aitken, Doyle, Glavin, Craig (Wilson), McAdam, Conn.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, McDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

HIBS 0
DUNDEE UTD 0 5,000
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Schaedler, Bremner, Stewart, Brazil, Edwards, McLeod, Smith, Higgins (Carroll), Duncan.
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Wallace (Dodd), Holt, Kirkwood, Robinson, Payne.

PARTICK (1) 1 (Gibson)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 4,500
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Anderson, Gibson, Houston, Somner (Campbell), O'Hara, Melrose, Craig.
 Clydebank: Gallagher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McCormack, Hay (Callaghan), McNaughton, McColl, Larnach, McCallan, Colgan.

ST MIRREN (0) 1 (McGarvey)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0 8,250
 St Mirren: Hunter; McGettrick, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Dunlop, McGarvey, Stark (Abercrombie), Docherty, Richardson, Munro.
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Millar (J), McLaren, Stevens, Marinello, Millar (P), McAdam (O'Rourke), Davidson, Robertson (Purdie).

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

THIRD DIVISION

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Kemp)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Hemmerman) 7,072
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Piper, Wilson, Ellis, Denyer, Roberts, Pullar, Kemp, Stokes, Pollock, Mellows.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Bentley, Harris, Dulsan, Brownbill, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Ridley, Hemmerman (Cullerton), Bailey.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

WORLD CUP

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (1) 1 (Nehoda)
WALES (0) 0 in Prague 25,000
 Czechs: Hruska; Barmos, Fiala (Prokes), Vojacek, Gogh, Blisky, Gajdusek, Jarusek, Kroupa, Masny (Kozak), Nehoda.
 Wales: Davies; Thomas (R), Jones (J), Mahoney, Jones (D), Phillips, Nardiello, Flynn, Yorath, Toshack, Thomas (M) (Deacy).

ENGLAND (1) 2 (Keegan, Brooking)
ITALY (0) 0 at Wembley 92,500
 England: Clemence; Neal, Cherry, Wilkins, Watson, Hughes, Keegan (Francis), Coppell, Latchford (Pearson), Brooking, Barnes.
 Italy: Zoff; Tardelli, Gentile, Benetti, Mozzini, Facchetti (Cuccureddu), Causio, Zaccarelli, Braziani (Sala, C), Antognoni, Bettiga.

N. IRELAND (1) 3 (Armstrong 2, McGrath)
BELGIUM (0) 0 at Windsor Park 7,000
 Ireland: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Nicholl (J), Hunter (Nicholl, C.), McIlroy, McGrath, McCreery, Armstrong, Stewart, Anderson.
 Belgium: Pfaff; Gerets, Broos, Meeuws, Riquin, Cools, Vercauteren, Wellens, Ceulemans, Coeck, Mommens.



Kevin Keegan set up England's World Cup win v. Italy with their first goal.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Quarter-Finals; second-leg)

CELTIC (0) 2 (Wilson, Doyle)
ST. MIRREN (0) 0 17,000
 Celtic: Latchford; Mackie, Lynch, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Munro, Doyle (Lennox), Wilson, Craig (McWilliams), Aitken, Conn.
 St. Mirren: Hunter; McGettrick (Stark), Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Dunlop, Stevenson, Copland, Sharp, Richardson, Munro.

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Morrison)
RANGERS (2) 3 (Greig, Jardine pen., Johnstone) 10,000
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth (Miller), Jackson, McDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

FORFAR (1) 1 (Gavine)
Q OF S (0) 0 6,000

HEARTS (0) 2 (Kidd, Busby)
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Holt, Robinson, Sturrock (Kirkwood), Wallace, Payne (Rennie).
 (Hearts won on penalties)

SATURDAY, NOV. 19

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Francis)
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Waddle) 21,208
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Sbragia, Want, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Dillon (Jones).
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kelly, Blockley, Webb, Weller, Kember, Waddle, Williams, Salmons.

CHELSEA 0
ASTON VILLA 0 31,764
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Sparrow, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Aylott, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Cooke.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.

COVENTRY (3) 4 (Wallace 2, Yorath, Coop pen.)
Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Givens) 20,411
 Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Roberts, Coop, Nardiello, Wallace, Green (Beck), Powell, Hutchison.
 Q.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Needham, Busby, McGee (Abbott), James, Givens, Bowles, Williams.

DERBY (1) 2 (Nish, Rioch)
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Bonds) 23,273
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Nish, Rioch, McFarland, Todd, Curran, Hughes, Masson, George, Ryan.
 West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Radford, Brooking, Hales.

IPSWICH (0) 3 (Mariner, Whymark 2, 1 pen)
EVERTON (0) 3 (Lyons, Pearson, Buckley) 22,795

Ipswich: Cooper; Stirk, Tibbott, Talbot, Roberts, Osman, Mills, Gates, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.
 Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic (Ross), Lyons, Higgins, Buckley, King, Dobson, Latchford, Pearson, Thomas.

LEEDS (1) 1 (Hankin)
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 42,925
 Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Madeley, Parkinson, Harris, Hankin, Jordan, Currie, Graham.
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Gemmill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Dalglish)
BRISTOL C (1) 1 (Gow) 41,053
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Fairclough, Heighway, Toshack, Callaghan.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tahton, Ritchie, Mabbutt, Mann, Gillies.

MAN. UTD (0) 1 (Pearson)
NORWICH (0) 0 48,129
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy (McCreery), Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Hill.
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggett, Peters.

MIDDLESBROUGH 0
WOLVES 0 18,464
 Middlesbrough: Cuff; Craggs, Cooper, Mahoney (Hedley), Boam, Ramage, Souness, Mills, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Daly, Parkin, Patching, Daley, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Kelly, Farley.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Cassidy)
ARSENAL (0) 2 (Stapleton, Sunderland) 22,880
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Craig (D), Barker, Cassidy, Bird, Nattrass, Barrowclough, Smith, Burns, Gowling (Martin), Craig (T).
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Hudson, Stapleton, Riox.

W.B.A. 0
MAN. CITY 0 27,159
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Cunningham, Cross, Robson, Johnston.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (2) 3 (Metcalfe, Bailey, Brotherston)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Sharkey) 8,886
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Taylor, Lewis, Parkes, Wagstaffe.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips (Aston), Morris, Saxby, Wood, Sharkey, Goodwin, Syrett, Hodgson, Miller.

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Hatton, Hart)
MILLWALL (1) 2 (Barrett, Walker) 7,224
 Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Harrison, McEwan, Hart, Suddaby, Ainscow, Ronson (Weston), Walsh, Hatton, Finnigan.
 Millwall: Goddard; Donaldson, Moore, Walker, Tagg, Hazell, Hamilton, Seaman, Barrett, Pearson (Brisley), Chambers.

BRISTOL R (0) 0
BOLTON (0) 1 (Waldron) 7,878
 Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Williams, Day, Taylor, Pulis, Hendrie, Aitken, Gould, Staniforth, Barry.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Jones, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Waldron, Walsh, Worthington.

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Dwyer, Sayer pen.)
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Fletcher) 7,085
 Cardiff: Irwin; Attley, Dwyer, Giles, Thomas, Campbell, Sayer, Went, Robson, Pethard, Grapes (Buchanan).
 Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Pashley (Cochrane), Hall, Rodaway, Thomson, Brennan, Noble, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.

CHARLTON (2) 3 (Flanagan, Powell 2)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 0 8,896
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman (Abrahams), Tydeman, Giles, Dugdale, Powell, Gritt, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Edwards, Campbell, Hamsom, Hamilton.

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them. It's as simple as that."

Bloomfield's homecoming — he was manager at Brisbane Road several years ago — surprised many. And he has to admit: "I had offers to go abroad especially. But I don't regret turning them down. If I make up my mind to do something, I stick by that decision. I'm convinced I've done the right thing."

"I'm determined Orient should lose this image of a Cinderella club. I want everyone here to think big and act big. There's plenty of potential and it's got to be realised."

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"I believe by the end of next season, John Chiedoie will be the most exciting young player in the country. He's got plenty of talent and I've been delighted with the progress he's made since I have been here. He's a very sensible lad, has outstanding skills, is prepared to listen and has a very big heart. He can go right to the top."

"People want to know how he compares with Laurie Cunningham. I think he's more direct but perhaps not quite as stylish — yet."

Leicester City.

"I built two teams at Filbert Street and I'm aiming to build one now that is good enough to do what City did — go into Division One and do well."

On Leicester's shattering slump this season since Bloomfield left, the former Filbert Street boss says: "It shocked me to see where they were after the first dozen or so games. Everyone said they'd finish in the top six this time and I'm stunned by what's happened. There is no reason for it."

"Leicester didn't take its opportunities. One team I built at Filbert Street reached the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup, the other finished seventh in the First Division table. If that had been a Manchester or Liverpool side, they would have gone on to become the number one club in the country."

"I wasn't as happy as I should have been at Leicester in my last season there and that's why I resigned. I had five very happy years there, but the sixth was different."

"There were many things we could have done at Leicester we didn't do. We made £285,000 in six years of transfer market activity and yet we spent only £100,000 on our most expensive player. It was the right time for me to leave."

"When Orient came in for me, I remembered how happy I'd been with them before. If I hadn't have had that knowledge of the club, I wouldn't have considered joining them. But I'm happy here and regard it as an up and coming club of the future. Only time will tell whether I'm right, I'm confident I will be."

'LITTLE ORIENT MUST THINK BIG' declares manager JIMMY BLOOMFIELD

JIMMY Bloomfield has a fast answer for critics who query his decision to leave First Division Leicester City for Second Division strugglers, Orient.

Bloomfield, who resigned from the Filbert Street job and then shocked the soccer world by taking over the little East London club, has no doubts whatsoever as to the wisdom of his decision.

"People say I'll miss the First Division," replies Bloomfield. "But what I say to them is, I'm planning on being back there within about three years."

"Certain things will need to be done in that time but if I didn't really believe I could achieve that with Orient, I wouldn't have joined

"I'm not going to settle down and have a quiet time. I've come because the chairman is extremely ambitious and I can see the prospect of First Division football for this great little club. It's an exciting challenge for me and for everyone."

Bloomfield has some horrific memories of his first time in the managerial chair at Brisbane Road. "They were third from bottom of the Third Division and collecting pennies in a bucket," he says. "You can't get much lower than that."

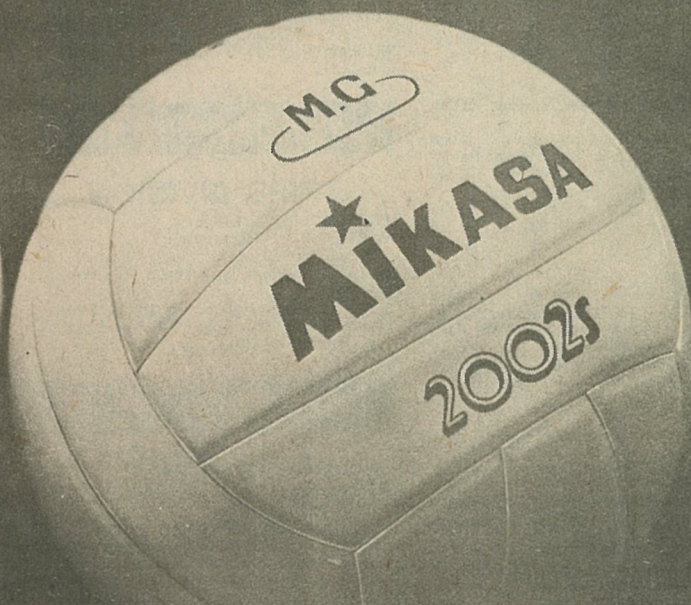
"But we got into the Second Division, I remember, before I left. And now I've come back, I've found things behind the scenes

"They're both very good players and John can become just as good as Laurie."

"We have to build on the youth policy at Orient, but any policy that produces two kids such as Cunningham and Chiedoie, must be a heck of a successful policy."

"We need to improve the gates with the right sort of soccer and by that, I mean attacking football. I want Orient to play positive, attractive football. I want to enjoy watching them play as much as the spectators will. If I don't the spectators won't either."

Bloomfield doesn't consider the Orient job poses a great deal of difference in terms of the challenge involved, to the job he left at



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OF ALL the great England centre-forwards, Dixie Dean tops a list which includes Tommy Lawton (Everton), Stan Mortensen (Blackpool), George Camsell (Middlesbrough) and Jackie Milburn (Newcastle), exciting footballers who became legends in their own right.

Very few of today's young football fans appreciate the true greatness of these men. They were "one-offs", untouchables, impossible to copy.

Those who remember them will always argue about who was the "greatest". But facts speak louder than words — and William Ralph "Dixie" Dean scored more goals than any of them.

Dean struck 379 goals in 14 seasons. This season is the 50th anniversary of Dean's legendary feat of scoring 60 goals in 39 First Division matches for Everton... a real "Goal-den" Jubilee.

Since then, only Jimmy Greaves with 41 for Chelsea in 1961, has even approached Dean's "Golden 60".

Dean, now 70-years-old, recovered remarkably from an operation last December for the amputation of his right leg.

In the words of the Coventry City director, Joe Mercer, Dixie Dean is "fearless and indestructible".

"He has always been more than one of the great footballers to me," says Joe. "He has been a spirit. Someone, some force that could survive anything."

Dean displayed that same spirit 18 months after Tranmere Rovers transferred him across the Mersey to Everton for £3,000.

He was injured in a motor bike accident, that not only threatened to end his career, but his life. Dean fractured his skull, broke cheekbones and damaged limbs. And, on top of those horrifying injuries, brain damage was suspected.

But Dean recovered, and only a few months later was back in an Everton shirt determined to follow-up his first season's total with the club, 32 goals in 38 matches.

In the first three games of the 1927-28 season he scored seven

Dixie Dean's 'Goal-den' Jubilee

times, and the trend was set for the remaining matches.

Dean set himself the target of beating the all-time record of 59 goals in one season, scored the previous term by Middlesbrough's George Camsell.

In the last game of the season he needed a hat-trick against Arsenal, at Goodison Park, to achieve that feat.

With only four minutes of the match gone, Dean had scored twice, one of them a penalty.

But Arsenal were in no mood to give the record to him. He had to work for his 60th goal, and was not to be denied.

After several near-misses, Dean had what might be his last chance. Everton won a corner on the left. The crowd buzzed with anticipation as Dean took up his position in the goalmouth.

The ball came across from the Everton winger, Alec Troup. Two

Arsenal defenders leapt to nod it to safety, but Dean's curly head rose higher, stabbing forward to send his header arrowing into the net. Dixie had done it!

That same season, representative matches and Cup-ties boosted his total to an unprecedented 82.

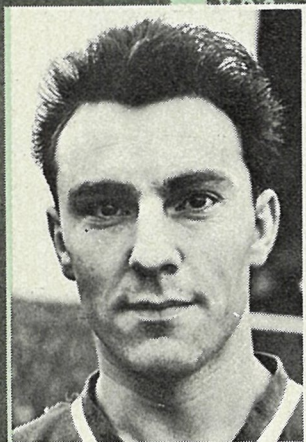
Dean retired ten years later, and his record stands today. It will probably stand forever.

Today's modern defences and tactical play do not allow the freedom Dean enjoyed in his prime.

As Dean admits: "It was easy for the centre-forwards of my day. All the wingers were trained to use pin-point centres."

He is being a little modest, because 60 goals in any kind of football is no mean feat. Sixty goals in First Division football is remarkable.

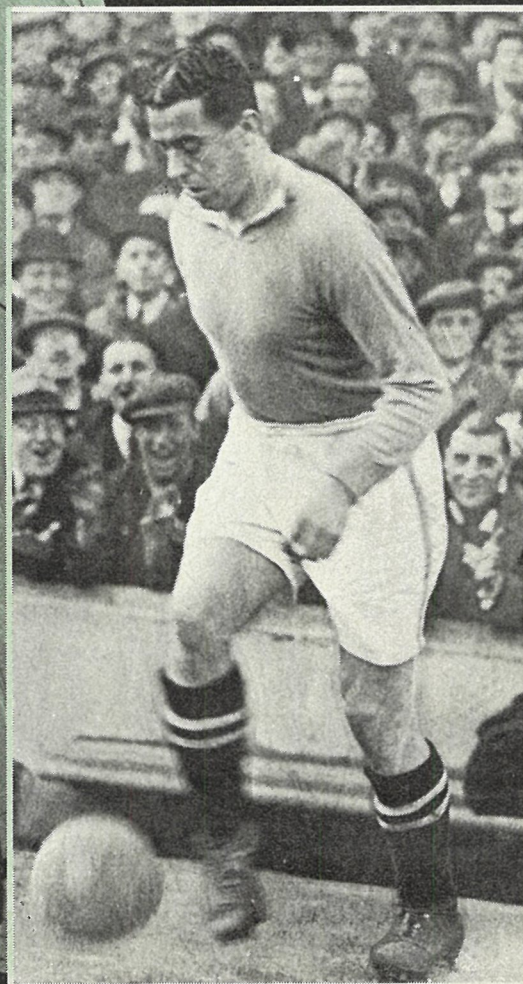
But then Dixie Dean was a remarkable centre-forward, the like of which the game will probably never see again.



In 1960-61 Jimmy Greaves (left) scored 41 League goals for Chelsea. But he was still 19 short of Dean's record. Dixie (right) pictured during his Everton days.

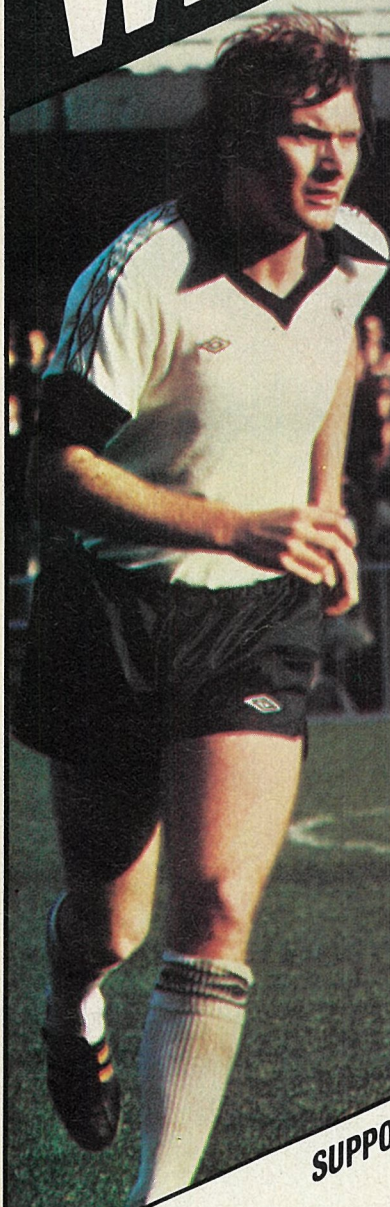


Skipper Dixie Dean proudly displays the F.A. Cup after Everton's Wembley win in 1933 against Manchester City.



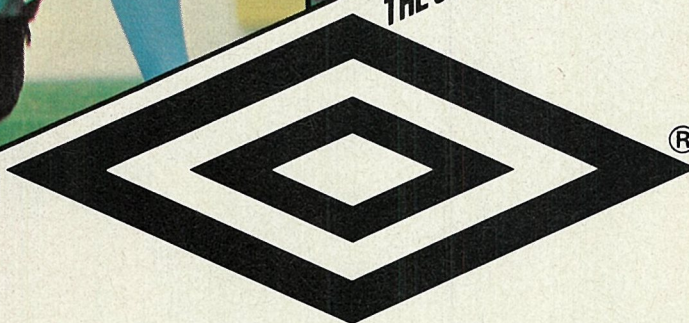
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FULL NAME: Kenneth George Watson

BIRTHPLACE: Aberdeen

BIRTHDATE: 5th January, 1956

HEIGHT: 6ft.

WEIGHT: 12st 6lbs

PREVIOUS CLUB: Montrose

MARRIED: No

CAR: Vauxhall Viva

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

Liverpool

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

Kenny Dalglish

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Last season's Scottish Cup Final

BIGGEST THRILL: Playing for

Scotland Under-21's v. England

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Being beaten in the Scottish Cup Final

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Canada

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:

Watching TV, listening to music, and playing snooker

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

Travelling long distances

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: The

Two Ronnies, Monty Python's

Flying Circus

FAVOURITE SINGERS: John

Denver, Joni Mitchell

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Paul

Newman, Robert Culp

BEST FRIEND: I have many

friends

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON

CAREER: Everyone at Ibrox

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: A

long coach journey after being beaten

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

Scotland Under-21 v. England

PERSONAL AMBITION: To open a

pub

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To

win all medals possible

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER,

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE?

An electrician

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD

WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO

MEET? Pele



Kenneth Watson

SHOOT!

SINCE taking over from Jimmy Armfield, three years ago, Bolton boss Ian Greaves has quietly and skilfully transformed and polished the Burnden Park side into an accomplished, spirited combination which has already been acclaimed as the best footballing outfit in the Second Division.

FRANK WANTS TO PROVE WORTHY OF BOLTON

FRANK WORTHINGTON (Bolton)

There is something else, too, that has played an equally important part in The Trotters brilliant advance towards the First Division this season, and you only have to listen to former Leicester City and England star, Frank Worthington talking about life with the Wanderers, to realise what it is.

"When I joined Bolton, last September," recalls Frank, "what impressed me most was the terrific atmosphere about the place, and I'm not talking about ambition, or the obsession with winning something, whatever the cost.

"No, what Burnden Park is all about is happiness, enjoyment. Smiling faces, plenty of banter, no cliques. Look at Tony Dunne and Willie Morgan. Playing like teenagers, and loving every minute of it.

"And to think Tony wanted to retire three seasons ago! The boss talked him into playing on, and I doubt if Tony has ever played better, even during his great days at Old Trafford, than he is at present.

"Willie, too, has admitted he's never enjoyed his football so much for years, and I know exactly what he means.

'Differences'

"This is the second time round for Ian Greaves and me. He was manager of Huddersfield Town when I was there, and although we had our differences, some of them quite stormy, I had, and have, an enormous respect for him.

"The boss is one of the straightest men in the game and one of the most courageous. Ian's never been the type of manager to shout and scream at his players when things are going all wrong, but there's a lot of iron beneath that calm exterior. I should know!

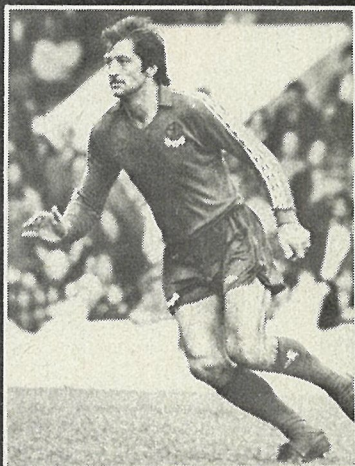
"I'm really chuffed about being part of this marvellous set-up at Bolton. It may sound right corny, but the boss's formula — success through joy — is a winner. Believe me, pressure, promotion jitters, call it what you like, is something you won't find at Burnden.

"I'm enjoying my football again, and five goals in my first six games for the club has got me off to a great start with the fans, and that's important to any player, and doubly so if he has been transferred from one team to another.

"For a variety of reasons, things

went sour for me at Leicester, and I was losing all my enthusiasm for the game. Both at Huddersfield, and Leicester, I was labelled a 'problem player,' because of my social life.

"I'll never forget flying out to join the England Under-23 party at Warsaw Airport during their tour of Eastern Europe in June, 1972.



"Sir Alf Ramsey was in charge of the squad, and when he saw me approach him, long-haired, and wearing a velvet jacket, and flared trousers, he didn't look all that impressed!

"As I had a good game and scored against Poland's Under-23 side, I think Sir Alf thought more of me in an England strip than he did when I got off that plane.

"I admit, I've always been very individualistic as regards my approach to life, and to my football. I felt a change of surroundings, of atmosphere, would give me back my appetite for the game.

"Mind you, I had some great times at Leicester, and I'll always be grateful to them for the gamble they took by paying £80,000 for me, after my £150,000 transfer to Liverpool had fallen through on medical grounds, after I returned from the Under-23 tour five years ago.

"I came to Bolton on loan, last September, and Ian negotiated my permanent transfer the following month, and I've never been happier in my entire career than I am now, with this smashing club.

"For the past two seasons Bolton have missed promotion by a point, but this time I'm convinced we'll make it, because the manager's attitude is right, the players' attitude is right, and, above all, we are serving up football that is a pleasure to watch.

"I've settled in quickly with this outstanding side, and at 29, I feel I still have the skill, and the scoring touch to prove myself a worthy Worthington for Bolton."

'General' Monty's battle plan for Blues

JIM MONTGOMERY (Birmingham)

BIRMINGHAM City supporters have come to expect only the best from their goalkeepers. It's traditional. Before the last War the club had the two best in England on their books — both at the same time!

For a spell the club alternated between Harry Hibbs and Dan Tremelling as first choice. Hibbs became England's preference but, if little Harry became unavailable through injury, the selectors straight away yelled for Big Dan.

Since those days, the Birmingham line has been graced by another England man, the admirable Gil Merrick, and a string of other splendid 'keepers.

Their present number one is a veteran, yet he bids fair to becoming the greatest favourite of them all. The fans have already taken to calling Jim Montgomery "the General".

Not only does he bear the name of the great soldier, Jim also exercises a similar aptitude for stubborn rearguard action.

Life for Monty was anything but magic, though, when the Sunderland side pulled off that shock Cup Final victory against Leeds in 1973 later began to disintegrate. Years of adulation turned to ostracism as he suddenly found himself dropped. Cast off. Just another reserve. So what exactly happened?

"Reaction set in, as so often happens after a side has hit the giddy heights of success. From the mind-blowing experience of winning the F.A. Cup we found it tremendously difficult to settle back into the old routine. Results began slipping away from us, we missed promotion, and the big break-up started.

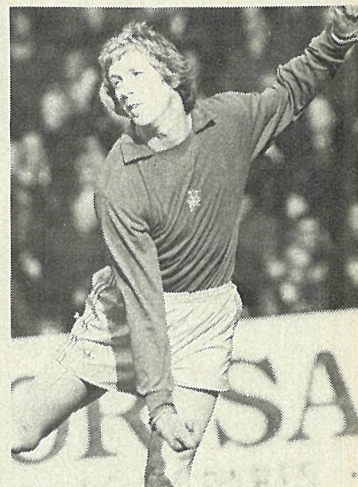
'Wembley'

"Players were drawn to other clubs, manager Bob Stokoe went, and finally only Bobby Kerr, Billy Hughes and myself were left of the Wembley team.

"When Ian MacFarlane took over I found myself out of favour. He bought Barry Siddall of Bolton for £90,000 and that was that.

"I was right down in the dumps and longed to get away. Something I believed could never happen, me wanting to leave Sunderland. But I was longing to prove I still had what it takes and would go anywhere for the opportunity.

"Fees were argued. £30,000 was mentioned. Then £20,000. I asked for it to be reduced and eventually went on loan to Southampton. They're a fine bunch down at The Dell, but that continual 320 miles each-way journey up and down England took it out of me and I just couldn't settle."



So much for Monty's unhappiest moments in his career. What about the happiest? There are two.

The first was that tempestuous occasion when the final whistle blew at Wembley. Sunderland had defied all the odds and vanquished mighty Leeds, and when the deliriously delighted Bob Stokoe dashed on to the field he kept going to the far end. Of all his heroes on that memorable day he wanted first to embrace his indomitable goalkeeper.

"That really was something. I have a video-tape recording of the match and I still savour those special seconds."

Jim's second big moment? Not his England Under-23 and Youth international caps. Nor his three League international appearances or the fact he once understudied Gordon Banks in the full England squad.

"I had gone to St. Andrews on a month's trial but couldn't get into the team. I had four games with the reserves and then, on the very last day of my loan period, I was picked for the League team and we drew 0-0 at Derby.

"Afterwards Willie Bell, who was the manager then, offered me a good contract to become a permanent Birmingham player. I was really delighted about that.

"What I'd love to do now is help them get among the honours and win something special for the City and all those loyal supporters.

"We have a lot of good players, and the best in the country in Trevor Francis. We also have Sir Alf Ramsey exerting his Svengali influence on the lads, giving everybody confidence in themselves, and everything is just tremendous."

Which is exactly what Birmingham fans think of their "General", Monty. Tremendous.

SWEDEN NOT AS GOOD AS IN '74



SWEDEN have qualified for the World Cup Finals for the seventh time out of eleven, a remarkable achievement by this amateur and part-time footballing country.

Today the Swedish team is very much weaker than that of 1974 when Sweden astonished the soccer world by finishing fifth.

Team-boss George Ericsson, who now is entering his eighth year as manager, says he does not have today a squad that could achieve anything at all in Argentina.

"But by June, 1978, each player will have improved his form at least one degree," Ericsson says.

The Swedish World Cup qualification was not entirely applauded at home. Very many strong voices have already declared Sweden should not go to Argentina for political reasons. This statement actually became headlines the day after Switzerland had beaten Norway and thus secured Sweden's ticket to Argentina.

The Swedish F.A. has declared that as Sweden have qualified for the Finals, they will play in Argentina but political columnists and intellectual movements still say they shouldn't.

Now team manager George Ericsson fears this debate will damage the team-spirit, especially since two, of the first-choice players, full-back Roland Andersson and centre-half Roy Andersson both (from Champions Malmo FF) state they are hesitating whether they should go to Argentina or not.

"It was the fighting spirit and the club atmosphere in the national squad that made Sweden the 1974 sensation," says Ericsson.

Sweden (light shirt) in 1974 World Cup action against Poland.

TALKING POINT

THE BIG talking point in Spain this season is the poor form of defending Champions Atlético Madrid. They've been in the lower reaches of the table all season, and as I write have yet to pick up an away point.

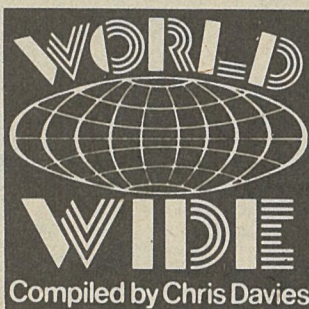
Apart from injury problems, Atlético have suffered from sweeper Luiz Pereira's lack of form. Pereira played a series of international matches with Brazil during the summer, and is now obviously jaded after 15 months of continuous football.

River Champions

RIVER PLATE are the 1977 Metropolitan Champions in Argentina. They needed just one point from their last game with Ferro Carril Oeste, and they made no mistake with a resounding 4-0 win, finishing with 63 points — two ahead of Independiente. This was River's 14th Metropolitan title since the competition began in 1931, and is perhaps their most unexpected win.

The club has had an incredible series of internal disputes lasting all season and, as their Monumental Stadium is being modernised for next year's World Cup, they've had to play all 44 games away from home!

ACCORDING to a survey by Argentinian magazine El Gráfico, this is the best-ever team since the War: Yashin, Djalmar Santos, Beckenbauer, Moore, Marzolini, Didi, Bobby Charlton, Garrincha, Di Stéfano, Pele, Best.



OUT — WITHOUT LOSING

BELGIAN club RWD Molenbeek have been knocked out of the U.E.F.A. Cup for the last two seasons ... without losing a game!

This season they lost on penalties to Carl Zeiss Jena after two 1-1 draws.

In 1976/77 it was the away-goals rule that ended Molenbeek's Euro hopes.

During this spell, they have been unbeaten in 14 actual European matches.

OFF AND ON

BELGIAN aces Anderlecht recently went to play a game against Maccabi in Israel to "show real football". Anderlecht won 7-0, but there was a controversial incident when a goal by Robbie Rensenbrink (right) was disallowed.

The ref said the ball entered through the side-netting, a view only he seemed to hold. Peter Ressel of Anderlecht protested so strongly he was shown the red card.

After a long discussion the goal was allowed in return for the "favour" of the ref withdrawing the red card!



JOURNALISTS of World Cup centre Córdoba have warned that care should be taken by foreign visitors next year.

Apparently, people who have "long hair and beards" are considered "subversive elements" — so watch out!

Sent-off twice in a game

BARCELONA defender Juanjo must have set some sort of record when he was sent-off twice during a local derby against Espanol. Juanjo was making his third appearance since Barcelona paid Salamanca £175,000 for him, when he was sent-off in the sixth minute for a crude tackle on Espanol striker Jeremias.

In the second-half, Juanjo joined the Barcelona substitutes on the trainer's bench, and when a group of players began a punch-up in the later stages of the game, Juanjo leapt up and joined in with fists flying.

That was when he was shown the red card for the second time! Mind you, Juanjo wasn't the only victim during a torrid match. Referee Pes Pérez showed a total of 10 yellow cards, and sent-off Espanol midfielder Fernández Amado as well.

The derby ended in a 1-1 draw, with both goals coming in the last 15 minutes.

IN THE Second Round of the Spanish Cup there were no surprises at all. Not one. The 38 ties played all ended in victories for the favourites, and the competition continues to be a yawn for the fans.

STOP WHINING

THERE WAS a storm in a wine glass in Santiago recently when a Chilean morning paper alleged the players of Colo Colo had knocked back 15 bottles of wine and two of whisky during a meal to celebrate the wedding of Hector Pinto.

Other newspapers rapidly took up the cry of "irresponsible behaviour" and the affair looked like developing into a major scandal until the club publicly produced a bill from the Hotel Tupahue showing the 38 persons present at the reception had consumed only a total of 14 bottles of wine.

But things are looking bad for Colo Colo. After leading the Chilean League for much of the season, they've had a

string of bad results, and after the 2-3 home defeat by tail-enders Antofagasta their famous manager Ferenc Puskas had his head well and truly on the chopping block. He was sacked soon afterwards.

Most Colo Colo fans were disappointed to hear of his dismissal, and the Santiago Press commented that Puskas' dismissal would do nothing to resolve Colo Colo's "acute internal problems". Sure enough, a few days later four of the first team, Diaz, Vergara, Araneda and Pontigo, were arrested by the police for being drunk and disorderly in a night club.

A REFEREE in Lugo, Spain, had a good idea for making a little extra pocket money for the Christmas holidays — he began to forge national lottery tickets. He'd already sold about £350 worth before someone spotted the official seal on his ticket mysteriously read "LUGO REFEREES COMMITTEE".

Now the referee's number is up — he's likely to spend the Christmas break in jail.

THERE SEEMS to be a growing lack of interest in Swiss football. In the 78 games played after 13 League programmes of the First Division an average of 5,845 was recorded. A year ago the figure was 6,697.

IN winning the U.S.S.R. League Dynamo Kiev drew 11 of their 15 home games.

FORTUNA Dusseldorf have told the Austrian F.A. they want 30,000 Marks every time their Austrian player Josef Hickersberger is given time off to play an international. It is doubtful if the Association can afford it for their bonus paid to each player for qualifying for the World Cup is only 70,000 ... for six games.

ESPAÑOL'S 23-year-old Paraguayan goalkeeper "Gato" Fernandez is still seriously ill after being rushed to hospital for an emergency appendix operation. Peritonitis and gangrene had already set in and, at the time of writing, he's still on the critical list with dangerous signs of gangrene still present.

All at SHOOT wish "The Cat" a speedy recovery.

THE directors of Pele-club Santos have decided to sell 21 players in an effort to reduce costs. This will leave them with 24 full-timers.

BIG MATCH CROSSTALKS • BIG MATCH CROSSTALKS •

CORRIGAN: Hello, Joe. No doubt you'll be trying to give me stick again during the match but don't take things too far. I'm not trying to butter you up, but I thought you had a great game at Maine Road, especially in the air.

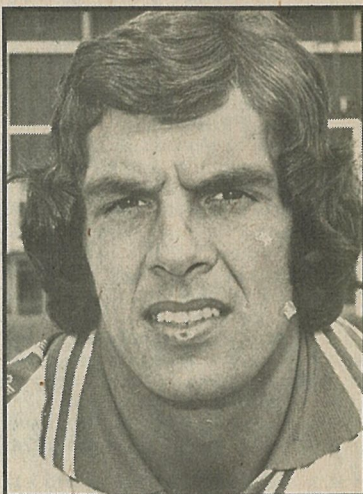
JORDAN: Thanks, Joe. I think it was probably the best performance of the season for the whole team. We needed a good result and getting it at your ground was a marvellous boost for our confidence.

CORRIGAN: It certainly takes some doing for a visiting side to get three goals at Maine Road. I thought you were much more like the old Leeds. You had a lean spell for 18 months but now you're getting it sorted out. You did it all in 20 minutes in the last match, scoring all three goals during that spell.

JORDAN: I thought you looked like a side with the pressure on, although you could have said the same about us, I suppose. But City disappointed me because you were my choice for the title at the start of the season and on the day we were much the better side.

CORRIGAN: A lot of people fancied us for the Championship before a ball was kicked and that probably affected us. I don't think it's worried me but it's difficult to judge just how much those things get under your skin. Being tipped to do so well certainly isn't a help.

JORDAN: We've been in a transition period this season because the system has been changed, with two players breaking wide from the middle. Arthur Graham goes on the left and Carl Harris on the right. Arthur's a superb player, as everyone knows, but young Carl



'You looked a side with the pressure on'

JOE JORDAN
(Leeds Utd.)

has improved a great deal now he knows he's a settled part of the squad. He's got tremendous pace.

CORRIGAN: The person who really impressed me in your side was Peter Lorimer. He's moved back into midfield and is playing as though he's been there all his life. His work rate has improved out of all recognition.

JORDAN: He's a great pro, Peter, which is why he's adjusted so

SATURDAY, November 12th, saw the reverse of these fixtures — and away wins for both Leeds United and Spurs. Manchester City and Crystal Palace get

LEEDS UTD.



HILAIRE: Hello, Glenn. Nice to meet up with you again, though we're hoping for a different result this time. You impressed us at our place but I thought a draw would have been a fairer result.

HODDLE: I can't agree on that. I know some of your players were unhappy about the winning goal but overall, I thought we had the edge and 2-1 to us was just about right.

HILAIRE: If you outplayed us in any department, it was midfield, where I thought Neil McNab and yourself were outstanding. Would you agree with that?

HODDLE: We have tended to overpower a few sides in midfield this season and I would say that was the difference between the teams at Selhurst Park. I thought you had a good game, too, Vince. And I was very impressed with your full-back Ken Sansom. It sounds silly but he played well and yet so did the man he was marking, our winger Peter Taylor.

HILAIRE: That's true. Peter is more aggressive this season, much more so than when he was with us. At Palace, he'd make a few runs and then you wouldn't see him for 15 minutes. But now he's fighting all the time, keeping himself involved.

HODDLE: I'm sure Spud himself would be the first to admit he's



TOTTENHAM v

'There's a lot of class in Division Two'

GLENN HODDLE
(Tottenham)

getting through more work this season and looking a much better player. And he's got all his confidence back, which is the biggest difference from last season. We're all feeling confident of ourselves again.

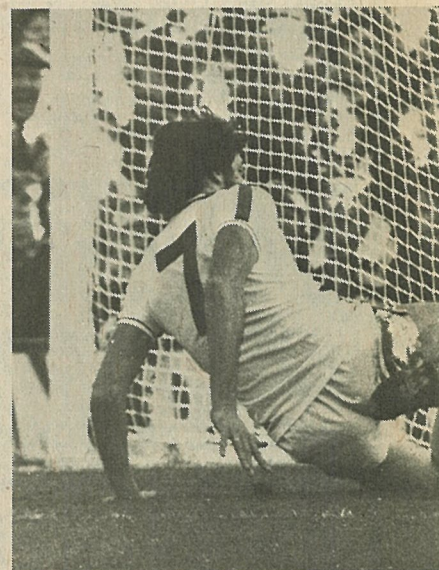
HILAIRE: Coming up from the Third Division last season, I've noticed a great difference in class this term. It suits me, not having players rush you all the time but I was wondering how much difference you've noticed coming from a higher Division.

HODDLE: I think there's a lot of class in Division Two this season,

as well. Surprisingly so, in fact. I was worried I might get singled out more in this Division and a few teams might have been out to kick us off the park. But I'm delighted to say that hasn't happened.

HILAIRE: I hate to admit it, but you're the best side we've played against this season. Bolton looked useful, too, although we beat them 2-1 at our place with ten men, and I reckon the pair of you are certs for promotion. Do you feel like that too?

HODDLE: I hope I'm not cutting my head off by saying this, but yes I do. I think Bolton and ourselves



will pull away, perhaps seven or eight points clear of the rest and the scramble for the other promotion place could go down as far as halfway in the table. You could

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their chance for revenge this Saturday, December 17th, and here players discuss the various aspects of the games.

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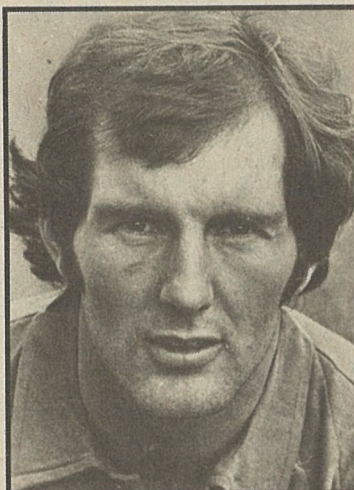
Leeds United's David Harvey saves from Manchester City's Dennis Tueart during the League clash at Maine Road in November.

quickly. Ray Hankin has made a difference to us, as well. He has done exceptionally well when you consider the disappointments he suffered last season and I've enjoyed playing alongside him up-front.

CORRIGAN: I don't want to be over-critical but I thought Ray was a shade slow after what I'd been hearing about him. Still, he did score the winner and I was told by one of your lads afterwards he'd been carrying an injury.

JORDAN: Talking about Peter Lorimer dropping back, the same thing's happened with Brian Kidd in your team hasn't it? He got two goals in each of the League games against us last season so it was surprising to find him coming from the middle.

CORRIGAN: Brian has been playing deeper because we've got so many forwards and I think he has done the job admirably. What's more, he's still been getting his share of the goals.



'You were much more like the old Leeds'
JOE CORRIGAN
(Man. City)

JORDAN: As I said earlier, the win against you was a great boost and now we're hoping to force our way back into the title race. I would like us to get into Europe at the very least. The ban on us in Europe has been a heavy blow and we badly want to get the taste of that sort of competition again.

CORRIGAN: We feel we're still in with a chance of the Championship. It's been pretty close at the top so far, apart from Forest, and I

don't really expect them to last the course. I know they beat us 2-1 at the City Ground but they've been lucky enough to field an almost unchanged side most weeks. I don't think they've got the strength in depth to sustain a few injuries, which are almost certain to come.

JORDAN: Don't talk to me about injuries. We've had more than our fair share in recent seasons and that's one of the main reasons we haven't done as well as we would have liked. I agree with you about the closeness at the top — everyone's been cutting each other's throats — though I think you ought to give more credit to Forest for what they've done.

CORRIGAN: We've got so many players at Maine Road we can almost field two first teams but it's still a great advantage to have a settled side. Anyway, we're looking forward to playing at Elland Road again, and we're encouraged by the fact we won there last season.

JORDAN: I know. You did the double over us in Division One last term. But remember, we beat you 1-0 in the F.A. Cup at our ground with a late goal. We're expecting a tough game, as usual, but this time we're hoping to complete a League double.

CORRIGAN: And don't forget both sides are still in the League Cup. City have drawn Arsenal at home in the Quarter-Finals. Not an easy proposition.

JORDAN: We are also involved in a tough game — high-riding Everton at home. But we are confident. It's quite possible we could meet again at Wembley in the League Cup Final.

CRYSTAL PALACE

Steve Perryman of Tottenham is on hand to clear the ball off the line to stop Palace's Rachid Harkouk (number seven) from scoring.

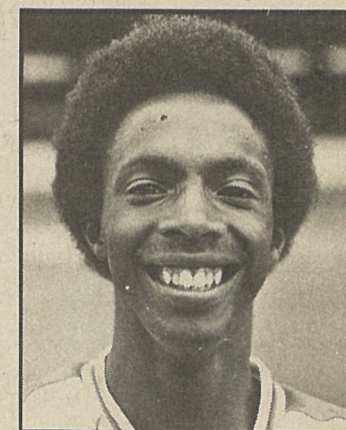
'You're the best side we've played this season'

VINCE HILAIRE
(Crystal Palace)

HODDLE: We were saying before the game at Selhurst Park you had one of the worst home records. And yet I've seen you on the television in away games and you've looked very impressive.

HILAIRE: We have been in most of the away matches. In fact, we've got one of the best records on opponents' grounds, which is why we fancy we might turn the tables on you at White Hart Lane.

HODDLE: I don't doubt you might be even tougher to beat at our ground but we've got a superb home record this year. But after that 9-0 success against Bristol



Rovers, people expect us to get six or seven every week.

HILAIRE: Talking of goals, I'd like to get a few more myself. I'm happy I'm even in the side — I hadn't expected to force myself in until after Christmas — but I would like to see my name on the score sheet more often.

HODDLE: From what I saw of you at Crystal Palace, Vince, you haven't got much to worry about. We're all looking forward to another fine, attacking match — and a repeat score will suit us.

have a chance yourselves on what I've seen of the side.

HILAIRE: We think we're in with a shout, too. But we let ourselves down at home too often. It

shouldn't happen because we've got great fans and they want us to do well so much. I think perhaps we try too hard for them and don't produce our best form.

'WHY UNITED LOST THEIR

WHAT'S gone wrong at United? Why have they failed to keep pace with the Championship challengers?

These are the two big questions which have puzzled all United fans and thousands of football followers throughout the country.

I can't really explain why we suffered such a dramatic slide this term.

Our early exit from the League Cup at Arsenal at the end of August ... several set-backs in the League ... and disappointment in the European Cup-Winners' Cup, despite a tremendous second-leg performance against F.C. Porto at Old Trafford.

As a recent survey on Manchester United in SHOOT stated: ... "not quite the great expectations prompted at the start of the season with the arrival of Dave Sexton as manager in succession to the controversial Tommy Docherty."

The change of boss might have affected some of the lads, but Dave Sexton can't really be blamed for our recent slump.

Apart from one or two minor differences in our style of play, the boss hasn't really altered the policy which has served the club so well over the past four years or so.

my soccer scene **GORDON HILL**

As the SHOOT feature rightly pointed out, injuries have robbed the team of key men at crucial times.

Brian Greenhoff, Jimmy Greenhoff, Lou Macari and Stuart Pearson have all been missing at some stage of the season.

No team, no matter how good their reserve strength, can afford to lose players of this calibre.

Mind you, no disrespects to the likes of Ashley Grimes, Dave McCreery and Chris McGrath. They've all done extremely well when called upon.

And then Dave was rushed to hospital for an emergency appendix operation.

Mind you, judging by the photo here he made a swift recovery, thanks to the ministrations of his fiancée Julie Eadington.

But losing these established stars definitely blunted the keen edge on our form.

Other players, myself included, lost the sparkle which made United such a bright force last term.

The crunch came when United were beaten 4-0 twice in four days, by Porto in Portugal and West Brom at The Hawthorns.

As Dave Sexton said at the time: "With a club of Manchester United's standing, reaction to a couple of high-scoring defeats

tends to be slightly on the hysterical side.

"But a good team and a well-balanced squad of players do not become bad overnight."

One reason why United suffered those two shattering defeats was maybe due to anti-cholera jabs we had before the game in Portugal.

The injections were necessary because of United's friendly in Iran a few days later.

I'm sure those jabs affected the way we played against Porto and West Brom.

For the record, United beat a Teheran XI 2-0. But I wonder if our flag-flying mission was really worth it after all.

The week after losing to West Brom, we went down 2-1 against Aston Villa. Had the Old Trafford bubble really burst?

United certainly silenced all critic-



Dave McCreery made a quick recovery from his appendix operation. Thanks to "nursing" from his fiancée Julie Eadington.

ism with that thrill-a-minute, second-leg Cup-Winners' Cup-tie against the Portuguese.

We beat them 5-2 in an incredible Old Trafford spectacular.

We failed to reach the top of the Everest we had to climb to reach the next round, but more than anything that result confirmed Dave Sexton's beliefs. There's not much wrong with the team.

The turning point in the League came four weeks later at Q.P.R. United drew 2-2, but I doubt if many people in the crowd would deny our overall superiority.

For a long while I had worried about my own form. I was tired and stale and even thought about asking Dave Sexton to rest me from the team that travelled to Loftus Road.

As you know I played ... and scored two goals in probably my



£100,000, but a big-money transfer gamble doesn't always guarantee success, as many clubs have found out to their cost.

I know I was one of United's buys, but really their main strength in the past has come from the number of players they've developed through the ranks.

There's no need for me or anyone else to tell Dave Sexton his business.

As much as I enjoyed playing for Tommy Doc, I believe Dave is the right man to take United to even greater heights.

He knows the problems more than anybody ... and is capable of sorting them out.

Like the boss, I'm confident United can still get among the honours this season.

If the title is out of the question then back us for the F.A. Cup.

One club in serious title contention is Nottingham Forest, United's opponents at Old Trafford this Saturday (December 17th).

I'll never forget our match at the City Ground on November 12th.

We lost 2-1 and it was so cold our jaws froze. Sammy McIlroy tried to say something to me during the match, but his words wouldn't come out. That's how cold it was.

Forest are going great at the

SPARKLE'



ABOVE: Gordon burst back to form with two goals against Q.P.R. at Loftus Road.

BELOW: United were beaten 2-1 at Forest earlier in the season. New man Archie Gemmill (dark shirt) scored the winner and could pose a threat when the clubs meet again on Saturday.



moment, and could well land the Championship.

I'm really looking forward to Saturday's match and the chance to prove United are on the way back.

Goals from Scotsmen Kenny Burns and Archie Gemmill won the game for Forest at the City Ground, so they'll obviously be among the men United must watch for.

I said a few weeks ago I was going to avoid forecasting match results, but I've a feeling the old United

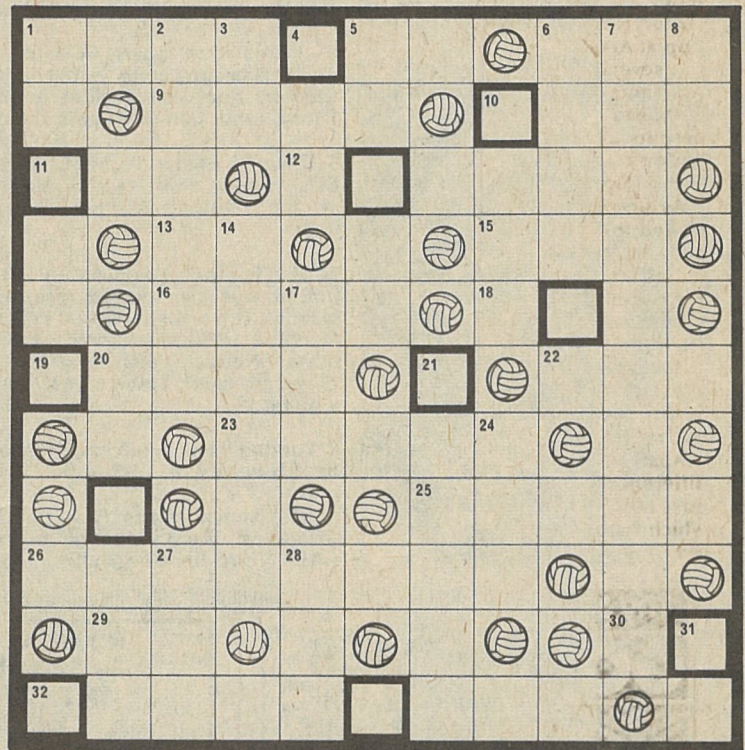
magic will be working this weekend.

That's all for this week. See you all in seven days' time . . .

Gordon

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Birmingham City defender. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Gerry —, Queens Park Rangers player.
- (6) Short for a replacement player.
- (9) -r-n--n Park (Carlisle United). Round or contest from the missing letters.
- (10) New--rt Cou-t- from Somerton Park.
- (11) Short high throw or pass.
- (12) Crystal — from Selhurst Park, London.
- (13) Queen — the South, Scottish Div. One club.
- (15) In 1971/2 Celtic beat Hibernian in the Scottish Cup Final by — goals to one.
- (16) — Want, Birmingham City defender.
- (18) A light blow.
- (19) P-i-s-fi-ld Stadiu- (Gillingham). A measure from the missing letters.
- (22) Colin —, Spurs striker.
- (23) W-s- Bromw--- Albion. A word from the omissions relating to morals.
- (25) Way taken to get to an away match, for instance.
- (26) Asa —, Manchester City and Scotland midfielder.
- (29) Li-c-In City from Sincil Bank.
- (30) Mike --yle also of Manchester City.
- (32) Leeds United winger and former Scottish international. (5 & 4)

DOWN:—

- (1) Losing F.A. Cup Finalists, 1974/5.
- (2) Ron —, Q.P.R. defender.
- (3) Mike Cha-n-n of Manchester City.
- (4) Form usually taken by a football trophy.
- (5) Country who have won the World Cup twice.
- (6) Most soccer clubs also have a — side as well.
- (7) Sudden and not anticipated.
- (8) -oothferr- Park (Hull City).
- (10) Gone by. The ball — the post, for example!
- (14) Nottingham —, promoted from Division Two last term.
- (17) The "goal" one was invented and patented in 1890.
- (20) — Road, Leeds United's ground.
- (21) -u--t-n Pa-k, Pe-th, address of St. Johnstone. Reflecting surface from the missing letters.
- (24) -arr-w Roa-. Norwich City's ground.
- (27) — Thomas, Cardiff City full-back.
- (28) Take three letters from the referee for a possible transfer one!
- (31) P--tman Road, Ipswich Town's ground.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S quiz time

1. Which First Division club had yet to win in the Football League at home by the end of November?

2. The F.A. Cup First Round games were played recently. Jimmy Greaves appeared for Boreham Wood, Wealdstone or Barnet against Peterborough?

3. Wimbledon, for so long the



giant-killers of the F.A. Cup, were on the wrong end of a shock in the First Round when Enfield beat them 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0?

4. Watford progressed to Round Two when they defeated Hendon 2-0. Where was the game played?

5. Wimbledon apart, five other Football League clubs were eliminated by non-League sides in the First Round. Can you name them?

6. Two of England's 1966 World Cup-winning side are still playing in the Football League. Name them.

7. The Football League Cup Fifth Round was also played recently. Ipswich Town suffered a 2-1 defeat at home to Manchester City. Did Clive Woods (left) or Trevor Whymark score Town's goal from a penalty?

8. London's last survivors, Arsenal, beat Hull City 3-1, 4-1 or 5-1?

9. The shock of the Fifth Round was West Brom's elimination by which Third Division club?

10. The holders Aston Villa suffered a 4-2 defeat by Nottingham Forest. What was the half-time score?

11. Last season's beaten Finalists progressed to the Quarter-Finals when they beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-1 at Hillsborough. Can you name the club?

14. The European Championship draw for 1980 was made recently. Denmark, Republic of Ireland and Bulgaria are in England's group... do you know the other country in their section?

15. Scotland are in Group Two, Three or Four with Belgium, Austria and Portugal?

ANSWERS:

1. West Ham. 2. Barnet. 3. 3-0. 4. Vicarage Road, home of Watford. 5. Oxford United. 6. Rochdale. 7. Trevor Whymark. 8. 5-1. 9. Bury. 10. 3-0. 11. Forest. 12. Willie Morris. 13. Lee for Spurs and Royce for Bristol City. 14. Northern Ireland. 15. Two.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Francis. (6) Sub. (9) Bout. (10) Pony. (11) Lob. (12) Palace. (13) Of. (15) Six. (16) Tony. (18) Tap. (19) Metre. (22) Lee. (23) Ethic. (25) Route. (26) Hartford. (29) No. (30) Do. (32) Eddie Gray.

DOWN:— (1) Fulham. (2) Abbott. (3) No. (4) Cup. (5) Italy. (6) Social. (7) Unexpected. (8) By. (10) Past. (14) Forest. (17) Net. (20) Elland. (21) Mirror. (24) Cod. (27) Rod. (28) Fee. (31) Or.

Jumbled Name: MALCOLM PAGE.



12. The player (above) began his League career with Burnley. He then moved to Manchester United before re-joining Burnley. He is now starring for another Lancashire club. Can you identify him?

13. Colin Lee and Joe Royle (on loan) each scored four goals on their debuts for their new clubs. Can you name their sides?

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GETTING THE MESSAGE...

Throughout his career, Brian Clough has gone hand-in-hand with controversy and success. Since taking over at Nottingham Forest Cloughie has lifted the club from an ordinary Second Division outfit to the top of the First Division. Earlier this season

he threatened to resign unless the Forest supporters modified their language. The fans obliged — and then passed on their request to the Forest boss. Perhaps the next notice from both parties will simply read: "Thanks".



CRUYFF'S MAGIC MOMENT

There can be few doubts Barcelona captain Johan Cruyff is the world's top player. Against Ipswich in the U.E.F.A. Cup at Portman Road Cruyff was kept quiet . . . for most of the time.



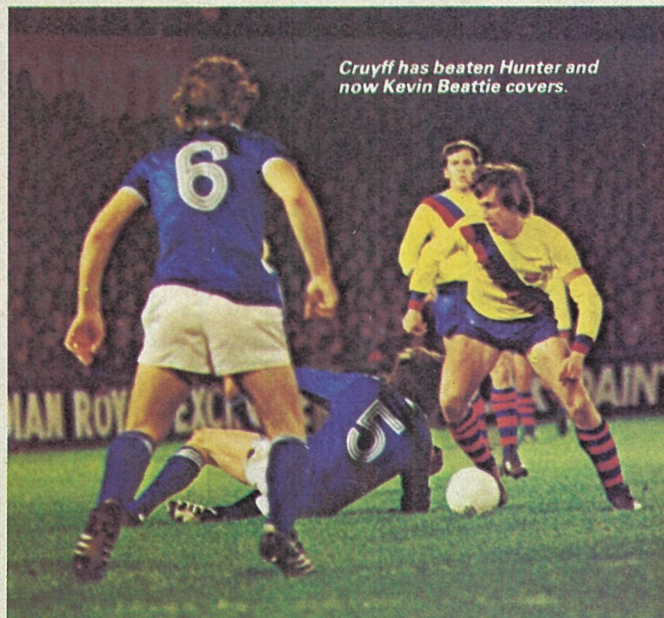
Cruyff is on the ball as Allan Hunter prepares to tackle.



The Ipswich stopper dives in . . . but Cruyff is away.



Showing superb control, the Barcelona star leaves Hunter stranded.



Cruyff has beaten Hunter and now Kevin Beattie covers.



Cruyff gets in a cracking shot that, fortunately for Ipswich, was off-target.